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YOUTH TEAM QUALIFIES FOR WORLD FINALS, SO NOW . . .



As the Australian youth team prepares for the world championships in Mexico, a former youth star, Oscar Crino, is itching to get back into action. A special feature about Crino appears on pages 2 and 3. He is pictured tackling an Argentinian opponent during the 1981 World Youth Championships in Sydney.

KAT'S CORNER with PETER KATHOLOS

Greeks get easy money

In October last year I trained in Greece for the third time. Having been there previously with Olympiakos in 1980 and '81, this time accepted an invitation to go to Panathinaikos, along with my Sydney Olympic teammate, Peter Raskopoulos.

Over the three visits, I discovered some surprising facts about Greek soccer and its comparison with the game in Australia.

Raskopoulos and I found ourselves training under the great Stefan Kovac, former Romanian national team manager and boss of Ajax Amsterdam in the Johan Cruyff era.



• Kireastas

In Greece, the players are full-time professionals, training at 3 pm every day and sometimes at 10 am as well. Training programmes are systematically arranged and the sessions are designed to cover all aspects of soccer, both physical and mental.

What was surprising was the



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ABC on again?

The ABC may go ahead with its coverage of the NSL after all.

The coverage was in doubt because the ASF handed TV rights for Australia's international matches to the Seven Network.

The ABC said that if it couldn't cover the international games, it wouldn't cover the NSL either.

But now the ABC has asked for rights to some of the Socceroos' 1985 World Cup qualifying games, and if they get the rights, the NSL programme will go ahead.

With the ASF is prepared to agree to the request.

The ABC's proposed NSL programme would be shown for one hour on Monday or Tuesday nights on about 200 stations nationally.

The Seven Network meanwhile, will show eight of Australia's international games this year.

They will include the three against England in June, games against China, Uruguay and Cameroon in October and perhaps the two against New Zealand that month.

Melbourne station HSV7 however, will show only a few of them — perhaps only the games against England.

Meanwhile, West Nally has guaranteed \$840,000 sponsorship for the NSL up to 1986 plus about \$1.5 million for the Socceroos and national youth team.

The NSL will draw up a proposal for changes to its competition by late April.

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Thomson may coach 'Roos

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Eddie Thomson of Sydney City Hakoah may be appointed coach of the Socceroos for their three-match series against England in June.

National coach Les Scheinflug will be in Mexico with the youth team which qualified for the finals of the World Youth Championships in Mexico. Australia qualified when its nearest challenger, Israel was held to a scoreless draw by Costa Rica.

Israel went into the game needing at least a 2-0 victory to overtake Australia.

But Israel had to play without three key players, all suspended: top-scorer Yigal Menahem, and captain Mordechai Iwanir and Uriel Usan who were sent off in their 1-2 loss to Australia.

The Australians, watching the match, celebrated jubilantly when the final whistle sounded.

Scheinflug made it clear before leaving for Costa Rica that if the youth team qualified for the finals, he would accompany it to Mexico in preference to coaching the Socceroos against England.

His assistant, Raul Blanco, could stay at home for the England series, but in a demanding world finals series, the young Socceroos will need the guidance of both Scheinflug and Blanco.

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Eddie Thomson

Les Scheinflug



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Oscar Crino (second from left) with the 1980 national youth players, from left, standing: ASF secretary Brian Emery, Crino, Michael Fraser, Steve Blair, George Christopoulos, Alan Davidson, Mark Brusasco, Peter Raskopoulos, Ian Hunter, Phil Reis. Front: Bill Curran (Victorian youth coach), Steve Hogg, Paul Kay, Peter Tredinnick.



The young Socceroos at the Israeli Winter Youth Tournament, from left: Brett Woods, David Skeen, Grant Lee, Robert Wheatley, David Watt, Paul Kay, John Little, Oscar Crino, Dennis Ivanac, Steve Blair, Peter Raskopoulos.

Transfer hassle,



By LAURIE SCHWAB

We spoke with Oscar Crino only two days before he finally was cleared by Hong Kong club Tung Sing. He'd been waiting for more than a month, and he was frustrated, eager but unable to play,

He's known lots of frustration over the past year or so, but there has been a lot of excitement as well: playing in the Hong Kong professional league for up to \$1000 a game and travelling across Europe for three months before going to South Melbourne Hellas.

I defy any Australian 20-year-old to match the experiences Crino has had in his short career!

He's played for Footscray J.U.S.T. and Juventus; for San Lorenzo Juniors in Argentina; he was in the national team that came fifth in the 1981 World Youth championships; he's played two World Cup games for Australia; he's toured Israel and New Caledonia and he had to commute six times between Hong Kong and Australia while a major row raged here over his transfer fee.

In between, he got seriously ill in Hong Kong and twice had to spend time in hospital.

It looked like plain sailing when he decided late last year to accept an offer from Hellas boss Rale Rasic, but no! Nothing's straightforward in Crino's career.

Apparently the committee of Tung Sing, the Hong Kong club where Crino scored three goals in 10 matches, had changed, and Crino's transfer was delayed by the upheaval. Then Tung Sing wanted the transfer money earlier than had been agreed.

Crino himself was getting sick and tired of the waiting. Although he'd been training five nights a week along with his Hellas team mates, he'd played in only one game, a practice match against Asia, and that for only 45 minutes.

The fans were missing out more than Crino. They were being deprived of the chance to watch one of the finest players in Australian soccer.

He has supreme skill, this Argentinian-born virtuoso. More important, he has Latin flair — the ability to entertain, to do the unexpected. Ask anyone who saw him play as sweeper against Argentina, England, Cameroon and

West Germany in the 1981 World Youth finals.

And he's better now than he was then, for he's benefited from the Brazilians in whose company he played in Hong Kong, and also from the time he spent under coach Jim Shoulder at the Institute of Sport in Canberra.

It had been expected that Crino would link up with Steve Blair in Hellas's defence and thus re-establish the partnership they had in the 1981 national youth team, but Crino wants to play in midfield instead, and Rasic will let him.

"As a sweeper you forget a lot of things. It's not as difficult as it is in the long period," he says. "I want to learn all the time and you can learn a lot in midfield but not if you play sweeper. I reckon I would forget a lot of things if I played sweeper now, when I'm so young."

Among the players from whom he learned at Tung Sing are Jose Da Silva who played for Botafogo in Brazil, Fernando Abel who has represented Portugal, and the captain of Morocco, Joe Abad.

"I had a bit of trouble adjusting to their style of play and to the Hong Kong grounds which are mostly hard and sandy," Crino says. "You can't stop the ball, and you can't let it bounce because it will bounce high. You have to play it either in the air, or with first-time touches. To the Brazilians, that kind of game is normal, but to me it meant I had to open my eyes again. I liked it though, and the others made it easy by moving into spaces where you couldn't possibly miss them. We played a lot of one-twos, and I retained much of that as part of my game."

It was a sensational squeak over his transfer fee that prompted Crino to take up the offer to join Tung Sing for 10 games. Tung Sing was at the



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Eleven left from Kiwis Cup squad

By PAUL MOON

The 15-man New Zealand squad named for the internationals against Australia on February 22 and 27 includes 11 survivors from last year's World Cup.

Those omitted include the retired Bobby Almond, Sam Malcolmson and John Hill.

Brian Turner, Dave Bright, Glen Adam and Peter Simonsen have been dropped, while the overseas-based Richard Wilson (Preston, Madeleine), Glen Dods (Adelaide United), Steve Woodin (South Melbourne, Hellas) and Wynton Rufer (FC Zurich) declared themselves unavailable due to business and playing commitments.

It is surprising that there were not more defections, as all the World Cup campaigners are known to be dissatisfied that their promised reward from the Spanish expedition has not materialised.

Coach John Adshead therefore will be faced not only with the task of blending a new unit when the squad assembles at training camp on February 19, but also quelling discontent over the financial ineptitude of New Zealand's federation.

On the field, his main problem is likely to be replacing the Rufer — Woodin strike force up front. He may turn to newcomers Mike Groom and Peter Henry both of whom have interesting recent histories, with Billy McClure to Kenny Cresswell supporting on the left flank.

Henry, an enigmatic wing-ender, had a brief stint trialling with Sydney City Hakoah in 1980 but failed to win a contract. Groom retired from soccer two years ago after a bad patch, to take up road cycling.

The task is: Barry Pickering (Miramar Rangers), Frank Van Hattum (Christchurch Mogul United), Ricky Herbert (Sydney Olympic), Allan Boat (West Adelaide), Duncan Cole (Canberra City), Martin Felton (Manurewa), Steve Summer (Manurewa), Keith McKay (Gisborne City), Ken Cresswell (Gisborne City), Brian McClure (Mount Wellington), Grant Turner (Christchurch Mogul United), Mike Groom (Manurewa), Alex Metzger (Mount Wellington), Adrian Elrick (Hawthorn North Shore United).



John Perin

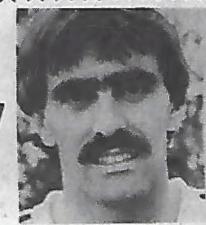
happening at Adelaide City," he said.

"Originally I agreed to the joint coaching situation because I thought that's the only way I could keep some control."

"I knew what was happening all along but I thought I'd stick it out as long as I could. I couldn't go on any longer and anyway, we couldn't agree on terms."

"I feel I've done what I could. I sold Bobby Russell for them and I signed some good players: Joe Muller and Steve Maxwell, both members of the young Socceroos squad, and Jimmy Wright from West Adelaide."

"I'm not letting it get down. It just means it'll take one extra year for me to achieve the success I know I'm capable of."



Steve Summer



Grant Turner



Duncan Cole

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Crino seeks new glory with Hellas

bottom of the Hong Kong ladder and needed good players to pull it out of danger.

Crino had been playing for the Institute of Sport team under Jim Shearer during 1981 but remained tied to Melbourne club Juventus. When he wanted a transfer after the 1981 Youth titles, Juventus placed a \$25,000 fee on his head. He appealed to the ASF, claiming his contract stipulated he could move for \$1000. The ASF upheld his appeal but Juventus appealed against that decision and the fee was set finally at \$10,000.

He was playing on loan for Tung Sing during this period, flying back and forth to Australia six times between the two clubs.

The change in diet and the dehydration caused by tropical humidity sent Crino into hospital twice and during the worst period, he couldn't eat for almost two weeks.

But he played very well in his 10 games for Tung Sing and the club agreed to pay Juventus the \$10,000 fee even though Crino was on only a six-month contract and there were only three or four games left. In the end, it paid off for Tung Sing, for the club pulled itself out of relegation danger, finishing third-last.

Hong Kong has proved a goldmine for a number of Australian players, including Jim Muir (Marconi), Brian Sinclair (Wilhelmina) and especially Peter Marconi.

"I never played against Sheme's team, Eastern, and I watched them a couple of times, and Sheme did really well," Crino says. "He's been scoring regularly and he's the fastest player in Hong Kong. He seems to be well adjusted there and he's got a good income."

Crino's best pay packet was close to \$1000 for a 1-1 draw with Hong Kong's glamor club, Selco which, along with Bulova pays its



Crino (right) scores against Romania during the 1981 Winter Youth Tournament in Israel.

players between \$3000 and \$4000 a month as a matter of course.

Terry Byrne of Canberra City joined Tung Sing briefly while Crino was there, and they played a few matches together. Canberra's Tony Brennan joined as a guest player later, and Vic Fernandez, former coach of Canberra, became coach of Tung Sing during Crino's stay.

When his contract had expired, Crino took a three-month holiday in Europe, visiting Spain, Italy, Greece and Monaco to look up friends. Then it was back to Melbourne and Hellas was lucky enough to grab him first. He had not however, signed a contract with Hellas when we spoke with him last week.

A curious aspect about Hong Kong soccer is that most of the teams train on the one central park area, meaning they have to stagger their training times to avoid congestion. Crowds are as high as

30,000, especially for matches between Selco and Bulova.

Asked whether he saw his future in Australia or overseas soccer (his former national team mate Paul Kay plays for Charlton Athletic in England), Crino said:

"I'm happy right here. This is my home, and I like Hellas. The people are good, the players are friendly and I just want to enjoy my soccer. As for the national team, I don't know. I just have to start from scratch, like I did with the youth team. I had to work hard to be successful there, and I'll have to work hard to get into the national team. You don't achieve such things overnight."

He has high regard for Hellas coach Rale Basic. "He has a thorough knowledge of the game. He's in complete command of what he's doing all the

time and everything he says is commonsense. He lets the players know where they stand and the whole team pulls the same way. We'll get better results than we've been getting so far, once we've been together four or five games. As for the championship, we'll know a few weeks into the season. We have the quality players; it just depends on how we play the whole season."

Crino played junior soccer for a year before coming to Australia with his family at the age of 10. He was coached by Pepe Ospina at Footscray J.U.S.T., in the company of Suleiman Curovic, Vlatko Belic and Slobodan Stojcevski, until he was 15. Then he moved to Juventus where he played in the under 18s and then had two senior seasons, under coaches Tony Boggi and Manly Poulaikas.

His team mates in the Juventus under 16s included Joe Angele who plays for Heidelberg now, and Fabio Incantalo the youth international.

When he joined Shoulder's Sports Institute team in 1981, his intention was to do a competitive career; however, he got a job instead, as an interpreter with the Argentine Embassy in Canberra. It was a chance to use his Spanish and Italian.

Under Shoulder, he and the other players did sprinting and weightlifting every morning from 7.45 am to 8.30 am, and training again from 4.30 pm to 6.30 pm. On the weekend, they competed in the national youth league against teams from Sydney, Canberra, Newcastle and Wollongong. Crino scored nine goals that season, playing in midfield.

"I had to develop my body and I did that at the Institute, through weight work," Crino says. "Shoulder helped us all a lot. He's one of the very few coaches who can make you realise what you're doing wrong without putting you down."

Crino was in the national youth team that competed unsuccessfully in the Israeli Winter Youth Tournament in 1980, losing to Greece 0-1, Romania 1-3 and Israel 1-2, and drawing with Sweden.

Although the results were poor, the experience gained was invaluable. In 1981 Crino went to New Caledonia with the youth team, winning all of three games, in preparation for the World Youth Championship finals, staged in Australia.

The young Socceroos caused a world-wide shock by beating the defending world champion, Argentina, 2-1 in the opening match at the Sydney Sports Ground, with Mark Kousas and Ian Hunter scoring the goals.

They then drew 3-3 with Cameroon and 1-1 with England to qualify for the quarter-finals, where they were beaten 1-0 by the eventual world champion, West Germany.

As further preparation for the youth championships, the youth team replaced the senior national team for the final two World Cup qualifying games, against Indonesia in Surabaya and Taiwan in Taipei.

Crino thus has played two full international matches and has scored four goals in 13 games for the national youth team.

And the Hellas fans have seen nothing yet



Oscar Crino



Paul Kay — Crino's former team-mate, now playing for Charlton in England.

WE'VE BEEN CHEATING THE PUBLIC

We, the players and the coaches, are being irresponsible!

We are robbing the paying customer who parts with \$5 to watch Ampol Cup games.

Most coaches and players were not ready for the Ampol Cup kick-off, so the paying customer is not getting his money's worth.

The teams, the players and the clubs he admires are not playing well and so they are not giving him pleasure in return for his dollar.

Many players out there on the field appear still to be on holidays, and the worst offenders are the clubs that allow this to happen.

I would not employ a coach who doesn't give me a thorough training programme and who puts a player into a game only days after he has arrived back from holiday. To a player carrying excessive weight, a 70-minute game can be pure hell. Imagine if it were 90 minutes!

In Japan, all coaches get together before the season starts, to exchange pre-season training plans. All suggestions are put together and out of it all comes a comprehensive and uniform training programme which all the clubs follow in the best interest of the game.

The Japanese and the German training formulas are well-studied, well-prepared and accepted, and they are there for us to follow. Some people however, don't want to spoil their easy, lazy, Christmas holiday period. Some players want to go overseas in January and come back for the kick-off to the season. Others want to go on their honeymoons.



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Ajax may go to court

Green Gully Ajax has threatened court action if it doesn't win an appeal against the VSF reducing John Gardiner's transfer fee from \$5000 to \$3500.

Ajax official Arnold Langer says: "If the appeal fails we'll take out a court injunction."

Gardiner, now coach of Croatia, wants also to play for the club. He played sweeper at Ajax last season and also was assistant to coach Bobby McLauchlan.

Rainbows, dreams, well-laid plans

The shifting, volatile nature of modern society is reflected in Australian soccer as we kick off the 1983 season.

In NSW, in particular, there have been tremendous upheavals during the close season which will have their effect in the coming months.

The year was the killing and then the resurrection of Sydney City.

Sydney City will not be the same force in 1983 because of a much reduced budget.

The budget cut reflects the times, as social clubs and sponsors are less able to prop up sporting groups.

An even more dramatic event than the Sydney City saga took place in NSW in the summer as a prominent official of State League club Riverwood, was arrested for alleged corruption.

He had helped take Riverwood from a perennial relegation prospect to a title contender finishing in third place last year.

And Riverwood had employed Attila Abonyi as a full-time coach and bought numerous top players, including last season's Rothmans award winner, John Stoddart.

With the official awaiting trial, Abonyi and Stoddart, plus others have left the club because of the money drought at Riverwood.

The club's status will now revert to what it was some years ago.

While all of the Sydney clubs, including Wollongong Wolves, have been tightening their belts, Sydney Olympic has been on a spending spree.

The purchase of Ricky Herbert, the New Zealand world cup defender, APIA striker Marshall Soper and Sydney City's young midfield star, Jim Patikas cost the club a pretty penny.

It is part of an estimated budget for the year of \$500,000.

When you consider that the Olympic social club is a limp-



Mike Johnson

ing passenger and the soccer club has only \$50,000 in sponsorship committed for the coming season, it is an awful lot of money to find.

Olympic is relying on gate receipts to get it out of trouble.

With admission money going up with inflation, it is the clubs that can draw at the gate which are best able to survive the current money squeeze.

We're talking of course, about the Greek clubs and to a lesser extent the Italian-supported clubs.

But sound management still remains a prerequisite of any success.

In today's world, badly managed businesses take a terrible mauling, many of them to be buried and never seen again.

With soccer in such a state of flux, with so many coming and going and so little that is solid and traditional, it is worth looking to some of the long-standing pillars in the club.

He joins another Australian coach, David Lee, who is overseeing an ambitious youth scheme, part of which comprises a special squad which to date has not played competitive games, but has concentrated on the development of technical skill.

If Stoddart can find many more, unless we look to the long-standing personnel such as Sir Arthur George and Eric Worthington, one the boss of soccer generally, the other boss of soccer coaching and both assailed on all sides in recent years, but both still standing and surviving.

Rale Basic, Lee Scheinfug and Cedo Cirkovic are among the survivors in the coaching world who are all well into their second decade of coaching.

Scheinfug, with a decade as a top player before starting coaching, has been involved at top level of Australian soccer for quarter of a century.

They are each at opposite ends of the spectrum of Australian soccer, filled with rainbows, dreams, ambitions and well-laid plans.

It will be interesting, even fascinating to observe how they and all the rest fare in the season coming up.

That is a considerable achievement.

John Warren is emerging as a personality in the media and such personalities are badly needed if soccer is to spread its influence wider and deeper throughout Australian society.

While Sydney Olympic will try to buy its first ever major trophy this year to celebrate its 25th year of existence, there is an interesting experiment happening at Blacktown City in Sydney's western suburbs.

Secretary-manager of Blacktown, Peter Thorne, is trying to prove that an all-Australian team can be successful in Australia.

With the move of Rale Basic to Melbourne, Thorne has employed an Australian coach, Casey de Bruin, to look after the senior teams in the club.

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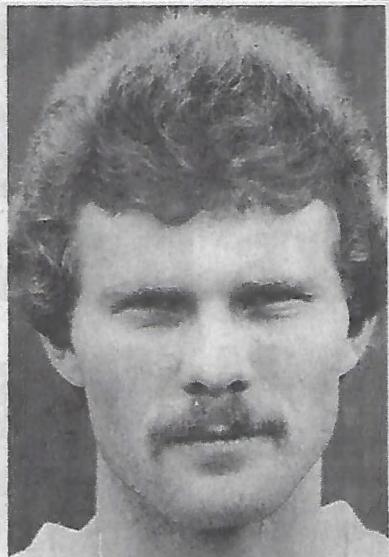
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Sydney Olympic's New Zealand defender Ricky Herbert.

Will Herbert learn to be ruthless?

BY PAUL MOON

Yet another New Zealand international is attempting to make a name for himself in Australian soccer. This time it is lanky central defender Ricky Herbert who has been lured across the Tasman in search of fame and the Aussie dollar.

Regarded as one of the finest-ever New Zealand born and bred players, Herbert represented both Auckland and North Island at under 14, under 18 and under 19 grades before making his Rothmans National League debut with Mount Wellington, the club his father served as president in 1978.

He made 11 appearances in a team that lost the league title only on goal difference and he became an automatic selection for New Zealand during that November's Oceania Youth Tournament, proving one of the better players on display.

Yet he was still a centre of attention in the star-laden Mount Wellington, so Herbert moved to provincial club Nelson United, where further attention was gained during many composed and intelligent displays in the heart of Nelson's defence.

With New Zealand's first team touring Britain, Herbert was named in a B squad scheduled to compete in the Oceania Cup in New Caledonia. Unfortunately the tournament was postponed until the following year, by which time the top selection was back.

Herbert would not have been available anyway, being on trial with English First Division club Middlesbrough — trying to follow in Craig Johnston's footsteps. But after playing for the Teesiders' reserves and youth sides, he was rejected.

Fourth Division Darlington did offer terms but acceptance would have brought only a slightly improved standard of soccer than available in New Zealand and scant financial reward.

Herbert returned home to rejoin Mount Wellington and was an ever-present in their league-cup double winning team of 1980. His career was now really taking off for he was named the New Zealand Soccer Writers' Association Young Player of the Year and gained his first senior international cap during the epic 4-0 victory over Mexico.

It was during the World Cup qualifiers though that the 5'11" stopper "came of age". The youngest member of the side, he played in all 15 games on the road to Spain.

Not only did Herbert form an imposing barrier at the back, but, when moving forward, his heading ability brought invaluable goals from set pieces. Two superbly executed efforts — one the match winner against China, the other a last gasp equaliser against Saudi Arabia — kept New Zealand's dreams alive.

Despite the disappointment of the Middlesbrough experience, the shop assistant still believed himself capable of earning his living as a professional overseas and, for the second time, set off for England in the pursuit of a professional contract. On this occasion his destination was Southampton.

After a series of encouraging performances for the Saints' reserves, Herbert was disappointed when discarded by manager Lawrie McMenemy, who preferred to sign local players he believed to be of similar ability.

It took some time to overcome this setback. Back in his own country, he produced only mediocre form in domestic football and was dropped from the starting line-up for the Kiwis' World Cup opener opposing Scotland.

Herbert came on as substitute against the Scots and was involved for the full 90 minutes in the USSR and Brazil encounters, producing respectable performances but not enough to impress top European clubs as he had hoped.

He signed a non-contract basis with Mount Wellington in 1982, the personable 21-year-old was still a free agent. Not requiring a transfer fee, an increasing number of Australian clubs began to take interest.

Initially it appeared that Canberra City would secure his signature but terms could not be agreed, allowing Sydney Olympic to step in.

Herbert is aware that the majority of his compatriots have failed to come to terms with top Australian football but will face the challenge before him with determination.

Although always keen to improve his game, Herbert has one obvious weakness — a lack of ruthlessness. Tommy Docherty may be just the coach to rectify this.

Eltham Summer Cup

The Eltham Summer Cup, to be known as the 'National Mutual' Summer Cup after the club's major sponsor, will be held on Sunday February 27 at the North Eltham ground.

Among teams taking part are previous winners, Greenborough and Heidelberg.

Food and refreshments will be on sale throughout the day and a BBQ will be held after the presentation.

There are a couple of vacancies left and further information may be obtained from Gordon Kirkwood on 342 5742 (bus) or at the club on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4.30-9.30.

On Friday February 18, the club will present a family variety night in the North Eltham hall. Stars appearing include Ron Blackett and Gerry Gee, and comedian Laurie Levey. The show starts at 7.30 pm.

IN FOCUS

by PETER SCOTT



Saints prosper, Hakoah still in turmoil

Many of our NSL clubs are in despair over their financial plight; some even keep passing the hat around for the odd hundred bucks here and there, just as if we were still back in the late fifties.

So it's refreshing to be able to congratulate St George Budapest on its promotion to the next Challenge Cup series involving Sydney Olympic, APIA and Wollongong.

The two rounds played at St George stadium on Sunday nights attracted bumper crowds totalling some 12,000.

Several factors were behind the good attendances: balmy weather, the judicious choice of Greek and Italian supported clubs, and, not least, the public's hunger to see good manly chess at round ball around under the lengthy summer layoff.

Everyone was satisfied in the end.

The teams got good match practice, the crowds saw some pretty competitive stuff — especially between the St George and the Salts — the clubs all collected their share of the takings and the home club no doubt banked a healthy sum.

Not a minor consideration in a year when Frank Arrok has been told to trim expenses by about half from last year's budget of \$400,000 plus!

A hefty part of the St George expenses goes in salary to Arrok, but, by crikey, he was worth every cent of it.

Of course, it wasn't the club or its membership, but only a majority of the unelected directors.

Let's be honest

Memo ASF: Please, please, please, preserve the credibility of our sport now, before it's too late.

Too often soccer has been battered by public relations fiascos of its own making.

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APIA knocked out, Saints hit eight

Exit APIA Leichhardt, a struggle for Olympic and Sydney City, and Wollongong doesn't have it all its own way against Polonia. That is the sad tale of NSL clubs in the 1983 NSW Ampol Cup.

APIA, with Valeri, Bertogno and Trudinick to boot, failed yet again to impress and went down to this fighting outfit from Cronulla, thanks to a goal by Mark Hartman. Jimmy Wilson, the ex-APIA star and Sutherland's coach was quite happy with his side, while Fil Bottalico, his old team mate, had very little to cheer about.

While St George and Marconi were hammering the way past State League outfits, Bankstown and Auburn, the glamour team of this competition and yet again one of the early favourites for the national league title, Sydney Olympic, looked anything but comfortable against Riverwood. In fact there was very little between the two sides and luck played its part to give Olympic entry into the quarter-finals.

Star-studded Sydney City was favored to hammer Canterbury, but it took some poor shooting by Canterbury and seven minutes of indecision by its defence to let Sydney City slip through.

Wollongong has managed to get its first win of the season after suffering three defeats in the Super Challenge Cup, but even against Polonia it looked sluggish in the midfield and poor in defence.

Syd. Olympic 3
Riverwood 1

Ground: St George Stadium
Crowd: 4582 (double header)
Referee: Gary Power
Goals: Wilson 2, Marconis 1, Phillips, Katholos (SO), Walker (R).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Wilson 7,

Rogers 5, Scott 5 (Daios 60), Har-

bert 6, Rowden 7, Raskopoulos 5,

Trudinick 5, Hartman 5, Gisbou-

re 5, Davies 5, Jennings 6,

RIVERWOOD: Glebourne 8,

Batcher 4, Mikal 6, Forster 5,

Cooze 6, Smith 7, Parker 6, Davies

6, Tracey 6, Walker 7, Jones 7.

Riverwood, the side hit with all sorts of problems at the start of the season, gave Sydney Olympic, the glamour side of the NSL, more than just



By ALEX VESIC

NSW Ampol Cup round 2:

Sydney City — Canterbury 3-1, DeMargny, Murray, Kosmina (pen) (SC), Thamnides (C)
Melita Eagles — Blacktown 1-1, McKie (M), Selvage (B)
Wollongong — Polonia 4-2, Cotton 2, O'Connor, Fontana (WV), SOBCZYK, Smith (P)
Sydney Olympic — Riverwood 3-1, Raskopoulos, Phillips, Katholos (SO), Walker (R)
Marconi — Auburn 5-1, Jankovics 3, Henderson, Bozanic (pen) (M), Nesbit (A)
Croatia — Yugal 2-0, Pagan, Woods (pen) (C)
St George — Bankstown 8-0, Kozcka 3, Sister 2, Mar-
ton, Wilkinson, Ratcliffe (SG)
Sutherland — APIA-Leichhardt 1-0, Harrington

came out fighting and came within a whisker of upsetting this sluggish looking Bondi outfit.

Paradoulos at one end, then Fletcher at the other, missed early opportunities, before some anxious moments eventually in the Canterbury penalty area then yet another opportunity for Fletcher but his shot was cleared off the line. In the last minute of the first half, as fans yelled with bay abandon, Geraldine Gossi made a run to his crossbar with a good header, then seconds later Canterbury broke through with Thamnides pursued by Robertson. However, luck was on City's side as the shot by the ex-Pan Hellenic star went straight at Tony Pezzano.

Frustation among the City players almost cost John Kosmina a sending off. He received a yellow card for a late push on Greg Laws, then minutes later was pulled up by Arthur O'Connor for an late tackle. It looked curtains for the Sydney City and Australian striker as Owens strode towards Kosmina with a hand in his pocket. But, instead of another card out came an empty hand with a finger of warning.

As it was, Kosmina stayed on the park and soon after, De Margny shot City into the lead. Four minutes later Willie Murray intercepted a back pass to make it 2-0, then Kosmina found from the spot to put the issue beyond doubt only a minute later.

Chris Thamnides made it 3-1 with seconds remaining, showing glimpses of his form which made him one of the most talented players in the State League some ten years ago.

Wollongong 4

Polonia 2

Ground: St George Stadium.
Crowd: 4582 (double header)
Referee: Arthur Owens 6.
Goals: De Margny, Murray, Kos-
mina pen (SC), Thamnides (CM).

SYDNEY CITY: Pazzano 7,

Miller, Robertson 6, Gisbou-

re 6, Murray 5, Watson 7,

Souness 5, Boden 5 (De Margny

50' 6), Fletcher 5 (Lew 64), Kas-

mina 6.

CANTERBURY: Ehsan 8, An-

agostopoulos 6, Lewis 7, Binos 6,

Stamkos 6, Vassilios 6, Papadou-

los 6, Demetrius 5 (M. Phillipou

6), Thamnides 6, Hartzis 6.

This was by far the worst match of round two with neither side capable of positive and attractive soccer. Sydney City looked slow, jaded and unimaginative, with traces of fading caused by a long summer holiday.

Without Arnold, Mirkovic,

Ross Brown and Basterfield,

Canterbury looked set for a

hell of a hammering. Espe-

cially when you looked at the

side which took the field for

the Australian champion with

Boden, Kosmina, Watson, Mul-

loun, Souness, Robertson and

Co. all on show.

However, Canterbury was

not going to lay down and

Wollongong laboured from most of the first half and through some periods of the second half before subduing its pale opponent from the lower reaches of the State League.



NSW AMPOL CUP

Farrugia 7, Allan 8, Duarte 5, McKie

7.

BLACKTOWN: Freeman 8,

Ward 7, Razzouk 5, Turn-

ball 6, Pye 7, McLaughlin 5 (pen-

alty 46'), Brogan 5, Quaraby 7,

Lumsdale 6, Larkin 7 (Barton 85').

According to records from

Melita officials, Blacktown

has never beaten Melita

Eagles in any division.

However, half way through

the second half, Emmanuel

Selvage's presentation

defended by the Melita

team were more positive

so he said, almost re-

signed to defeat, after Selvage

had but Blacktown ahead.

The long-striding referee,

Brian Fowler, came off the

park and described the game

as "very pleasant". Sure

it was: for the referee that is.

With little if no bite at all, Wollongong had to rely heavily on its star strikers Phil O'Connor and Roy Cotton to get them

through and believe me, it was

only this that managed to

raise their heads after this

match.

After an uneventful first

half hour, it was Phil O'Connor

who sent the first ball off

the pitch.

Seconds later Phil Kerr

broke through on the left hand side and crossed for

Roy Cotton to head home from

close range.

Two minutes later Polonia

struck again. Ziggy Garlowski,

the star of this Polonia outfit,

started a move well within his

own half. His final pass to Rob

Geekie was the decider.

Geekie was in the clear on

left flank and he cross found

Henry Sobczyk at the far post.

Sobczyk trapped the ball then

lobbed an advancing Preston

to make it 1-1.

After eight minutes of the

second half, Wolves were in

the lead. A cross by Gaffney,

header by Fontana and it was

as simple as that. Steltenpool

was beaten. Another eight

minutes elapsed before Roy

Cotton made it 3-1. This time it was a cross from Kerr which

gave Cotton the chance.

Polonia came back through

Smith after some clever work

by Sobczyk and a superb

through ball by Geekie.

Geekie scored through its

enterprising front-running duo.

O'Connor crossed, curling the

ball around, minding for

Cotton to stick out his toe

and push the ball into the net.

Geekie was the winning goal.

Michael Quaraby hit a

blistering drive from 25

metres which was well saved

by McPerson but Selvage was

on the spot to pick up a re-

bound and slot it into the net.

Melita came back looking

for an equaliser but seldom

showed the bite one is used to

seeing from them. Then it all

changed with some 14 minutes to go. Following a corner kick from the right, Pointer headed away, but straight to Farrugia who shot looked set to find the net. It appeared to have rebounded off the post straight against the legs of John McKie and back into the

In extra time both sides seemed content to play out time until the replay, set for this Tuesday.

Marconi 5

Auburn 1

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 3200
Goals: Jevnikers 3, Henderson, Marconi 1, Nesbit 1 (A).

MARCONI: Maher, Bozanic, Ricciotto, Henderson, Budini, Djordjevic, Giannone, Hunter, Carbone, Jevnikers, Sestak, Walker, Quigley, McNamee, Prgomej, McMillan, Bobanic, Nesbit, McDonald (Sullivan), Turner, Langan, Carney.

Croatia 2

Yugosl 0

Ground: Marconi Stadium
Crowd: 3200
Goals: Woods pen, Pagan
CROATIA: Watson, Woods, Todorov, Sestak, Pagan, C. Camp-
bell (Pagan), Savor, Rezo, Kovacic, Cacic, Karanac.

YUGOSL: Berry, Cummings (Col-
derovic), Radivojevic, Matic, Clark, Clarke, Janicek, Turkovic, Grgic, Grgic, Mario (Rebeljan), Kavcic.

St George 8
Bankstown 0

Ground: St George
Goals: Koscka 3, Sister 2, Mar-

ton, Wilkinson, Ratcliffe.

ST GEORGE: Fraser, Skene, R.

O'Shea, Koscka, Watson, M. O'

Shea, Sestak, Stone, Wilkinson, J.

BANKSTOWN: Griffin, Black-
burn, Luckman, Agostino, Roots, Hartton, Bourke, Young, Dalton, King, Beck.

Sutherland 1

APIA 0

Ground: St George
Goals: Mark Harrington
SUTHERLAND: Schaefer, Hayes, DeHart, Hastorf, Schaefer, Dafforn, Watkins, Harrington, Webber, Knowles, C. Ro-
gers.

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4 (MacLeod 10th, Tuttill 15th, Lujic 28th, Kondaros 49th) JUVENTUS 1 (G. Bannon 22nd). Second round Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, double header, Crowd: about 4,000. Referee: Fokianos 4.

Steve Short in new colors

that it led to J.U.S.T.'s fourth goal but more about that later.

THE TURNING POINT: For me the crucial moment came when brothers Vince and Paddy Bannon combined in a dreadful defensive blunder in the 28th minute which allowed Zdravko Lujic to nip in and restore J.U.S.T.'s two-goal lead.

THE GOALS: Ilioski's near post header in the 10th minute found Macleod jumping unchallenged to send a well-directed back-header over Alex Fantoma and inside the far post.

Five minutes later, with the Juventus defence looking ragged, Paul Simic crossed from the right wing. Ilioski gained possession inside the six-yard box and sent the ball wide to Tuttill. The former Frankston City player hammered a rising first-time shot in off the underside of the bar. The incoming Macleod made sure of the goal but the ball already had crossed the line from Tuttill's shot.

Juventus hit back in the 22nd minute. Igor Hazabent was slow to react forward as J.U.S.T. tried to take the off-side play. Kevin Lloyd got free on the right and crossed to the far post. Jim Kondaros beat Graham French in the air and headed away but Ged Bannon, from just inside the area, volleyed first-time, sending the ball flashing inside the near post. Dennis Boland did well to get a hand to the ball but Bannon had struck it too firmly.

Six minutes later the mistake of the match and Lujic's persistence restored J.U.S.T.'s two-goal cushion. Boland punted the ball long.

Bannon misjudged the bounce, allowing Lujic to break clear and toe-poke the ball under the body of advancing Fantomas.

J.U.S.T. completed its convincing win in the 49th minute. Tuttill was pulled down just outside the area on J.U.S.T.'s left. Ilioski took the resultant free kick. Macleod made a run to the near post, taking two Juventus defenders with him. Ilioski curled the ball to the back post where Kondaros headed in from six metres.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: Ilioski had a fine game. With about 10 minutes to go he made a 50 metre off-the-ball run toward his own goal, covering a Juventus attacker as the black and whites moved the ball down their right wing. No more than a minute later Ilioski was inside J.U.S.T.'s attacking third, trying to get past a defender on J.U.S.T.'s left wing. Ged Bannon, as usual, covered a lot of ground but he had far less possession than Ilioski.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Certainly Ilioski. Tuttill faded in the second half.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: Kevin Lloyd, who too often was bypassed whenever a J.U.S.T. attack broke down and Juventus went forward.

CRAIG MACKENZIE



Graham Tuttill (right) scored in his first full game for J.U.S.T. This time, however, he's left off-balance by Vince Bannon of Juventus.

Brown goes Brazilian

AJAX 2 (Paul Lewis 53rd. & 55th). MAKEDONIA 2 (Brown 60th, Ward 62nd), second round match at Olympic Park, Wednesday night, double header. Crowd about 4000. Referee: Jim Brennan 8.

AJAX: Denys 6 - Peter Lewis 7, Cannell 8, Short 5, Hogben 8 - Boyle 6, Vassallo 5, Smallman 7, Williams 7 - Tool 6, Paul Lewis 7.

MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8 - Ospasinas 7, Todorovski 6, Jones 6, Petrovski 6 - Whittle 6, Flavel 5 (Farrell 5, half time), McMillan 5 - Lucchesi 5, Ward 6, Brown 7.

Cautious: Vassallo, Paul Lewis, Smallman twice, including after match.

REASON FOR THE DRAW: When Ajax led 2-0 there appeared no way that Makedonia could come back but a combination of a goalkeeper's mistake and the brilliant kicking of Doug Brown combined to change the outcome of the match. Paul Lewis scored twice for Ajax and David Smallman had a penalty kick saved by goalkeeper Richard Wilson before Makedonia replied. Goalkeeper Lou Denys had the far post covered and had positioned his wall to his right, but Brown curled his free

kick inside the near post. That, as far as Makedonia was concerned, was the turning point.

THE TACTICS: Ironically, it was a divergence away from Ajax's new style that resulted in its 2-0 lead. New coach Len McKenna had decided that his team wanted to come off, accept the ball at their feet, lay it off and go again for the next pass. Paul Lewis however, got most of his 182 goals on through balls, and it was two through balls that gave Ajax its goals.

Otherwise, Ajax played 4-4-2, with Jim Williams linking up with the forwards on the left, and Steve Short, recruited from Croatia for \$7500, playing his first game for Ajax as sweeper. Makedonia had Con Ospasinas marking Paul Lewis whenever he went and David Jones picking up Bobby Tool, leaving Lubjana Petrovski as the only free player. Makedonia's McMillan had been playing as a striker, switched and placed with Claude Lucchesi who had been playing in midfield. Makedonia was deficient in midfield but should have Zarko Odzakov from Vardar Skopje improving that department for the next match, against Juventus.

THE GOALS: 53rd minute: Smallman plays an accurate through pass over the head of Paul Lewis who uses his speed to get into the clear and belts an angled shot past Richard Wilson 1-0.

55th minute: Tool races away on a long through ball, with the Makedonia defend-

ers nowhere in sight. His shot deflects off Wilson and Paul Lewis is there to put it away 2-0.

60th minute: Doug Brown takes a free kick on the left and bends it inside the near post Brazilian-style 2-1.

62nd minute: Another free kick, this time on the right. Brown curls it to the near post, where Gary Ward heads it in unchallenged.

NEAR MISSES: 48th minute: Paul Lewis breaks away on a through ball, getting ahead of his marker, Con Ospasinas who has no option but to bring him down with a Rugby tackle. Smallman takes the penalty but misses it saves 2-1.

14th minute: Whittle makes a point-blank save from Paul Lewis.

46th minute: Lou Denys flies to save a close-in shot by Alan Whittle.

GOOD PERFORMANCES: Stuart Cannell tackled solidly and ruled in the air against the largely ineffective Makedonia attack, while David Hogben showed a lot of dash in pushing forward from left back. Richard Wilson was the pick of the largely unimpressive Makedonia team, mainly due to his penalty save. Doug Brown saved his team by scoring with that free kick.

MOST VALUABLE PLAYER: Stuart Cannell.

MOST DISAPPOINTING PLAYER: Steve Short, star recruit from Croatia. Much more had been expected, but he was sadly in need of match practice.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

STANDINGS

SECTION A

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Heidelberg	1	1	0	3	1	3
Hobart	0	2	0	3	3	2
Merivale F.	1	0	1	1	2	2
Croatia	0	1	1	2	3	1

SECTION B

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUST	1	1	0	4	1	3
Makedonia	0	2	0	2	2	2
Ajax	0	2	0	2	2	2
Juventus	0	1	1	4	1	1

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SELEMIDIS SWINGS IT

HEIDELBERG-ALEX-ANDER 2 (Selimidis 28th, Paton 40th) MORELL FALCONS 0, second round Ampol Cup match at Olympic Park, Friday night double-header. Crowd about 10,000. Referee: Stewart Mellings 8.

MORELL FALCONS: Whiteside 6 — Darby 5, Irvine 7, Higham 6, J. Train 5 — Bingham 4 (van Baar, 4, 47th), McLean 7, Young 6, O'Callaghan 5 (McClune, 4, 47th) — McGuinness 5, Mitten 7. Coach: Tony Boggi.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 — McMillan 7, Ysendoorn 7, Yankos 6, Tansey 6 — Selimidis 7, Spanos 5, Campbell 6, Valentine 6 — Paton 8, Cole 7. Coach: Ken Morton.

TEAM OF THE VICTORY: Heidelberg's team work was far superior to Morell's and its players were much fitter and generally much faster than Morell's. Although Noel Mitten battled away relentlessly in Morell's attack, he had virtually no support, and had the unenviable task of having to confront Charlie Yanks who was in great form. Heidelberg got a lot better service this time from its strikers Gary Cole and particularly Jamie Paton, and it also dominated on the flanks.

THE TACTICS: Both teams lined up in 4-4-2 formation, so it depended on which team would play it better. John Higham and Brian Darby picked up Cole and Paton respectively but neither did very well. At the other end, Yanks marked Mitten, but Heidelberg left McGuinness to be picked up by the man closest to him. Quite frankly, despite this relative freedom, McGuinness did very little. Just after half time, coach Tony Boggi took off Harry Bingham and John O'Callaghan, the two ineffective midfielders, and replaced them with Tony van Baar and Richie McClune, with van Baar going to the right flank, McGuinness moving to midfield and McClune joining Mitten up front. It made no difference.

THE TURNING POINT: Theo Selimidis' dashing goal in the 28th minute. Before that, Morell had been in the game, and Jim McLean, playing his first game since joining from Brisbane Lions, had shot wide with a great shot. After Selimidis' goal, Heidelberg was well in command.

THE GOALS: 28th min. Selimidis starts a move in midfield, slipping the ball to Cole, wide on the right and continuing a run through the middle. Cole managed an inspired chip over the goalkeeper to the far post where Se-

NSL PROBES MURPHY SCANDAL

South Melbourne Hellas newcomer Ken Murphy is at the centre of a controversial dispute involving Hellas and NSL rival Preston Makedonia.

Hellas signed Murphy last year from Melbourne Croatia but Makedonia claims that Murphy is their player.

"Murphy signed a contract with us and we reached an agreement with his club,

Croatia," said Makedonia president John Branov.

"As far as I'm concerned the deal was made. Even the method of payment was agreed upon," said Branov.

"We believe that we have priority of registration over Hellas with the national league. I'm led to believe that Hellas didn't lodge Murphy's registration papers with the NSL until last week."

"If Murphy doesn't want to come to Preston let him declare it. Then it will become a legal matter of whether or not we should go

ahead and sue him for breach of contract. My committee is determined that we follow this matter right through."

So, the mystery of Murphy's non-appearance in the Hellas side which confronted Croatia last week in the Victorian Ampol Cup has been solved. The official reason for Murphy's absence was given as injury.

NSL secretary Steve Kamasz is investigating this matter. It is believed that Makedonia has lodged an official complaint.

If the national body rules that Murphy is a

Makedonia player the VSF will end up with egg on its face.

Makedonia claims that it lodged registration papers for Murphy with the VSF yet Murphy already has played for Hellas in the first round of the Ampol Cup. If he becomes a Makedonia player, will Hellas lose the point it gained from that match, a 1-1 draw with Heidelberg?

If Murphy remains with Hellas it looks odds on that he'll face legal action for breach of contract.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

Ajax to get its J.U.S.T. deserts?

This time last year Bobby McLachlan and Gus Macleod were spurring Green Gully Ajax on during the Ampol Cup but on Friday night they will be plotting Ajax's downfall.

The two Macs played a major part in Ajax's success over the past two years however, now they are at Footscray J.U.S.T. and Friday night's opponent, Ajax, is J.U.S.T.'s last hurdle on its way into the 1983 Ampol Cup semi-finals.

McLachlan's knowledge of the Ajax players and Macleod's bustling, aggressive, attacking play will be crucial to the outcome. The stakes are high for both sides. A draw will put J.U.S.T. into the semi's and almost certainly ensure Ajax's exit because Preston Makedonia, on the same points as Ajax, surely will account for Juventus.

"We know how Bobby (McLachlan) will play. They (J.U.S.T.) will pack their defence but we'll be too good for them. They don't worry me," said Ajax's Langer.

The first of Friday night's double header features Makedonia and Juventus.

Makedonia's Con Opasinas usually is assigned man-marking duties but Makedonia's superiority, on paper at least, may prompt coach Peter Ollerton to release Opasinas to get forward where his fine close ball skills and pace can be put to good use.

Heidelberg's Juan Tori Castilla is an anachronism. He belongs to an era when gifted spontaneity and flair was hallmark, when unbridled dribbling skills held spectators spellbound, if such an era ever existed in Australian soccer.

Heidelberg only needs to draw with Croatia on Saturday night to win its way into the semi's. Heidelberg, under coach Ken Morton, is assembling a squad with far more depth than Morton's predecessor Len McKendy was given. This added competition for first team berths should ensure that Heidelberg goes into Saturday's clash with the right attitude and it should come out on top.

The first of Saturday night's double header is a do-or-die affair for both South Melbourne Hellas and Morell Falcons. One of these sides should accompany Heidelberg into the semi's.

Hellas and Falcons are locked together on two points but goal difference favors Hellas so Falcons have to win to stay in the cup.

Ossie Latif (No.11) scored Croatia's first goal, but here he's foiled by Bobby Russell.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Croatia misses open goals

CROATIA 2 (Latif 50th, Faulkner 69th) SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Egan 35th, Buljevic 55th), Second round Ampol Cup double-header at Olympic Park, Friday night, crowd about 10,000. Referee: Evan Venios 6.

CROATIA: McRae 7 — Curcio 8 — Parton 8 — Adams 8 — Bilever 6 — Faulkner 7 — Antolovic 6 — Biskic 7 — (Gajic 60th) Cumming 9 — Brugen 7 — Latif 8. Coach: John Gardiner.

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Leumets 6 — Russell 8, Blair 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Nicolaides 6 — Davidson 7, Holdford 7 — Egan 7, Evans 5, (Stevenson 49th), Woodfin 5.

Campbell 6 (Buljevic 49th), Coach: Rale Radic.

REASON FOR THE DRAW: At the end, Croatia had to rely on a last-minute 25-metre goal by Jeff Faulkner but it should have been an easy Croatia win on first-half form, when both David Brogan and Sean Parton missed open goals. Croatia therefore threw it away, allowing Hellas to twice take the lead and having to come from behind both times to snatch the draw.

THE TACTICS: Although coach Rale Radic had been quoted in the Press saying that he had gained a clearance for Ossie Latif and that he would play him, he didn't even among the reserves. With Murphy out, Alan Davidson moved forward into midfield, and Socrates Nicolaides came

in to take Davidson's usual left-back position. George Campbell played wide on the left, with Charlie Egan, Steve Woodfin and Alan Evans as the three strikers, changing positions. Of these, only Egan was effective. Croatia's approach to the game was like a breath of fresh air. We had expected a defensive attitude against Hellas, the team of the big reputation. But Croatia played open, attacking soccer, getting forward just as often as Hellas.

THE TURNING POINT: Who will forget that tremendous attacking raid by Tommy Cumming in the 5th minute? He picked up the ball in defence, and stormed down the right past four men before running into Bobby Russell. That flash of excitement was a sign of things to come for Croatia.

THE GOALS: 35th: Campbell squeezes past Curcio and Keith Adams to launch a cross from the left. Egan, at full stretch in the middle, gets his foot to it to nudge the ball past Robert McRae the goalkeeper. 49th:

50th: A shot by David Brogan is stopped on the goal line by Steve Blair and the ball ricochets out to Ossie Latif who slams the equalising goal.

55th: Substitutes John Stevenson and Branko Buljevic combine to put Hellas back in front. A Buljevic free kick is blocked by McRae for a corner. Stevenson takes the corner kick and Buljevic, darting at the ball at the near post, heads it into the net. 2-1.

70th: Midfielder Jeff Faulkner lobbs a 25-metre shot just inside the post 2-2.

NEAR MISSES: 10th: Nicolaides, running across goal, loses the ball to Brogan who has an open goal in front of him but from 6 metres, he belts it over the top.

17th: Egan, also from six metres, is foiled by McRae.

23rd: A corner kick comes to the far post where it falls to unmarked Sean Parton, about 4 metres out, but he misses.

GOOD PERFORMANCES:

The two right backs, Tony Curcio of Croatia and Bobby Radic of Hellas, were the best of the match. I liked Josip Biskic, the Croatia midfielder in the first half, while Keith Adams was a tower of strength in Croatia's defence.



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Melita's 1982 Board of Directors, from left, standing: F. Said, A. Vella, J. Desira, Joe Caruana, Vic Mula, A. Robertson. Front: S. Vella, D. Agius, L. Dimech, E. Said, P. DeBono, V. Buttigieg, J. Borg



Malta Eagles, Cup winners of 1956. Lino Vella, the editor of the Maltese Herald is in the middle of the top row (goalkeeper), while Melita's hard working secretary, Laurie Dimech is at the far right with the club's blazer.

Melita's 1982 State League Appointed and Scorers: Robert McPherson played 5, scored 0; Alan MacLennan 25, 0; Greg McCoy 25, 1; Paul Dales 24, 0; Ray Farugia 25, 7; Alex Jamieson 22, 0; Mike Cross 25, 5;

'82 roll call

Don Allan 20, 10; Jack Cabon 2, 0; Jim Battalico 6, 0; Len Vail 9, 2; David Rogers 2, 0; Hector Martinez 8, 0; Wayne Parker 2, 0; Steve Luxford 1, 0; Mike Brown 1, 0; Anita Budini 7, 4; Wayne Farnsworth 4, 0.

By ALEX VESIC

"Nothing is as sweet as the taste of success." The words, so familiar and so true, yet with a tinge of bitterness, came from Melita Eagles president and life member Emmanuel Said.

Melita Eagles first grade side failed to achieve its aim of getting among the top placegetters in the NSW State League in 1982 and this was the reason for the bitterness.

Still, success is not measured by the position attained by the club's top grade side. Boasting its own stadium and one of the largest soccer followings in the western suburbs, Melita still has the two ingredients so important for success at top level competition.

Its administration shows the kind of professional attitudes required to guide the club to better things.

"We had our problems in the past," said Mr Said, shrewd businessman and soccer lover, the man who has stood at the helm of the club for many years.

"Having such solid support we could not afford to change our home ground from year to year and the decision to build our own stadium was the best thing that ever happened to us."

"Building the stadium and going through the process of attaining various permits and land titles and satisfying other requirements of the local authorities was long and painful but with the help from the large Sydney Maltese community we have completed the first phase of our programme — having our own soccer stadium."

"Believe me, it couldn't have been done without some enthusiastic supporters and in many instances physical effort by many to get this part of the project completed and for that I am eternally grateful."

"At the moment we are almost half way through the second phase of the programme, building our own club house. Plans are drawn and the council will have to dwell on it for a while, but we are confident that the plans will be approved very soon."

"It should be one of the best edifices in the area, and at \$400,000 total cost, I am sure we are getting a bargain."

"It's almost like a dream come true, said I."

"Well, not really," said Mr Said with a smile. "All our efforts are centred at the moment on competing with the best in Australia but unfortunately the top competition in Australia appears to be a closed shop — simply because of the unrealistic belief by so many National League clubs that the NSL can exist in its present format."

"We would prefer to see the formation of our own 'Super State League' in NSW with Olympic, Marconi, APIA, Cabramatta, Newcastle, Melita, Cessnock and a few others included. It is felt that travel costs would go down to a minimum and those who finish at the top of this league would eventually be involved in a playoff against the top placegetters in other States for the national title — almost like a mini World Cup at the end of the season."

"Crowds would definitely flock back to the games and all those in the State League would have an equal opportunity of competing for the national title."

"At the moment we are spending in excess of \$150,000 a year with no chance at all of being if not the best at least one of the best in Australia."

"Should this situation continue, Melita will most probably have to revert to amateur status, a decision we would not be happy taking," said Melita's enthusiastic president.



Supporters club gives \$6000

Despite solid support which always has been enjoyed by the club, it was not until this year that a few enthusiastic people decided to form Melita Eagles Supporters Club.

In April the group held its first ball at Blacktown Civic Centre and in July held its mid-season ball at the Red Rose Lounge Rockdale. In between functions, they have managed to sell a few Melita caps and scarfs as well as lighters, thus helping with general fund-raising.

Despite their effort, the bank balance, although increased, fell far short of the anticipated sum, an obvious reflection on the results achieved by the first grade side.

However, the supporters

club increased its effort and not only organised buses to away matches, but also decided to hold functions at which sales of various Melita merchandise and numerous raffles were held.

The last of the main functions was the end of season ball. Trophies to the best and fairest player for 1982 as well as trophies to the successful third grade side were presented. It was also announced that the Supporters Club would be able to donate some \$6,000 to the soccer club as part of its contribution to the success of Melita Eagles.



Like his friend, Agenor Muniz is a real heavyweight — in Australian soccer.

Muniz stars recruit?

Dennis Duarte of St. George, McMasterson of APIA and most probably Agenor Muniz of Sydney Hakoah are joining Melita this year. The first two are in the 'bag', and Muniz was seen at the 'tag' training last week. Melita officials are not sure about him — afraid of the big Hakoah might ask for him.



Dennis Duarte, in St. George colors, leaves Footscray's Kondaros behind.

They run Melita

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Coaching Staff: Senior — Raul Blanco, Asst. Coach Dennis Hogarth, 2nd Grade — Keith Pocock, 3rd Grade — George Genovese. Under 13 yrs — Bob Tonner, Under 14 yrs — Alan McArthur, Under 15 yrs — Joe Zerafa, Under 16 yrs — Les Wilson, Asst. Coach — Chris Sheehan, Messeur — Alan Wilson

SPONSORS POUR IN THE CASH

While most clubs in the State as well as National League have to rely on gate takings and donations from various supporter groups or donations from clubs with large intakes (poker machines etc.), Melita Soccer Club has secured sponsorship from Associated Midlands for \$25,000.

It is a major coup for a State League club and one which will ensure smooth running during 1983. If one considers players payouts for 1982, which were just over \$38,000, then it is easy to see how much this "quarter of a ton" will do for Melita.

Add some \$6,000 secured from Starline Motors for 1983 and Melita should come a long way to achieving financial security.

Following Associated Midlands and Starline Motors, Melita also has managed to secure some advertising from Chess Travel, Klinie, Supreme Kitchens, Western Road Bus Service, Schweppes, Castrol GTX and Dunlop Sports displaying their signs at the Ground.

A number of companies, including the above-mentioned, have had their name and products included in the "High Flying Eag-

les", certainly the best publication of its kind.

For a club which stood on its own feet just over 12 months, it is a creditable performance indeed.

For many years under the umbrella of Phoenix club, Melita's progress was somewhat curtailed, but since the separation of two and formation of a company, it is indeed great effort to have so many people believe your "product" to tie their name and do their money to the Melita club.

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Farrugia the favorite, and McGinn marked

Pele in game against Santos

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Premier Wran cut the ribbon

Melita Stadium, pride and joy of the large Maltese community in Sydney is yet to receive its finishing touches, but for all those who worked so hard and so long to get this soccer stadium into being it was a long struggle.

The council of the City of Parramatta agreed on September 4 1978 to lease to Melita Eagles the site known as Everley Park at South Granville. That was only the beginning of the story of finding a new home for one of the most successful sides in the State League in the past 10 years.

Webb St, Fraser Park, Mona Park, Garside Park — venues

which have been part of this soccer side for years — could never have been called home. It was just a matter of paying to use someone else's facilities, a fact with which no member of Melita was overjoyed.

Guildford Colts abandoned project at Everley Park in 1977 and the men from Melita accepted with glee the chance to build their own home on this site.

Mr. Paul Landa, the then Minister for Planning and Environment, and Mr. Harry Jensen, the Minister for Local Government, as well as the Local Council assisted with the project, giving their considerations promptly.

After some initial problems over the name of the trustee

for the new stadium, Melita Eagles and the Phoenician Club (the early trustee), part company and the soccer club remained the sole lessee of Everley Park.

Sunday July 6 1981 was "M" day in the lives of soccer lovers in the Maltese community. Melita Eagles stadium was officially opened by the Premier of N.S.W., the Hon. Neville Wran. Ten months later a new 20-year lease of the park was signed between the council and the club.

As I walked into the stadium for the first round of the Ampol Cup I could not help the feeling of being at home. In a land of Aussie Rules and

Rugby League it is exciting to have your own SOCCER STA-

ERINIE CAMPBELL:

What is it about this "youngster" of 32 that never changes? His style! He has played with the best in the world during his long career, including the World Cup in 1974 in West Germany. Sydney born and bred, Ernie started with Olympic, APIA, Marconi, Sydney City and St George followed before Ernie came to Melita. One of the most feared forwards in Australia for more than a decade he is intent on staying among the best.

PAUL DALEY:

From third grade at Auburn to first grade at Melita. A drastic transformation, but such was the impact this young player made at Melita that he became a must for the top team week after week. He was a representative player from the age of 13 when he was selected for Nepean District. In 1976 he was in the NSW Primary Schools side, then was selected for the U/14 NSW amateur team and a year later in the U/15 State side. He was also selected for the U/17 State side but had to withdraw because of injury.

HECTOR MARTINEZ:

Came to Melita Eagles from Mansfield Town via APIA Leichhardt. His scoring record of last year is any indication (7 goals in 7 games), one can expect fireworks from this young Scotsman. Colin McAusland, the man who returns to Melita this year also from APIA Leichhardt, was instrumental in McKie's move to Melita.

ALEX JAMIESON:

From Clyde, Scotland via Ipswich Town to Sydney Olympic then Melita Eagles in Sydney. Halfway around the world to find his nesting place with the Eagles. In need of a midfielder, the Eagles approached Sydney Olympic and signed him in 1982 and soon the duo worked out with Olympic signing Jamieson, Ankudinoff and Cross to Melita Eagles. Jamieson has settled well at his new club and appears to have struck a good understanding with Mike Cross.

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(Sahinidis 30th) at Weratah Reserve, Sunday

DOVETON: Keogh 8 — Thurston, Corke, Bruce 6 (Law 66th), Wale 4 — Hudson 6, Waterhouse 5 (in), Bartlett 41st, Douglies 5 — Hastings 5, P. Lennon 6, M. Lennon 5. NORTHCOTE: Giannopoulos 7 — Pappas 6, Bozikis 8, Kotsakidis 7, Mihos 7 — Moore 7, Quigley 9, Wright 7 — Sahinidis 7, Culine 6, Constantiou 4.

Northcote will approach South Melbourne Hellas about buying former Socceroo winger Branko Buljevic and expects two Northern Irish fullbacks to arrive within three weeks.

A dearth of experienced players, a drought-stricken pitch, debilitating conditions and a delightful display of midfield generalship from Colin Quigley were the ingredients



Branko Buljevic

of a dreadful Doveton display served to a handful of diehards at Weratah Reserve last Sunday.

Green Gully Ajax committee reported offy Alan Bennett and Bill Morrey.

Doveton's bid for classy midfielder John Dowie the Doves firmly refused to

Dowie's future at Weratah Reserve remains clouded.

Along with Ian Stirton he has been chased by opposition clubs. The Doves so far are standing firm. Rightly so, if they want to do well this year. Sunday's young side was pinned inside its defensive half for most of the second half.

Northcote's Quigley, always unmarked, did as he pleased. He thoroughly enjoyed himself in the second half and his disposal was the only treat this mismatch offered.

Doves' newcomer Colin Bartlett, a young winger from South Dandenong, is raw and unfit. He also is aggressive and confident. I'm told that he has excellent skills but, in only 29 minutes on this cracked, dry pitch, he didn't have much chance to display them. Predicting big things for newcomers usually is the domain of the foolhardy, yet Bartlett is promising. He could make his name in State League.

Northcote's midfield of Quigley, ex-Slavia, Sammy Wright, ex-Wolves and South

Melbourne Hellas and Stevie Moore, ex-Slavia and Western Suburbs, dominated the match, especially the second half.

Quigley spent the early minutes getting involved in physical challenges and wasting his talents. He's strong, but if he concentrates on mixing it too much we'll never see him at his best. He was booked after an off-the-ball incident involving Doveton's Carlos Wale.

The first half was scrappy, the ball bobbing back and forth in the air for the most part. Three minutes into the second half Northcote bagged the winner.

A superb long, lofted through ball from sweeper George Bozikis sent Jim Sahinidis scooting clear and he calmly lobbed the ball over advancing Sean Keogh and into the vacant goal.



Alex Marshall



Peter Czapnik

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Hugh Murney works half-time miracle

By LES SHORROCK



Hugh Murney

ALBION ROVERS 3 (Ferrie, 44th, Dickson 57th, D'Sylva 65th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINA (Hyland 19th, Thom 24th) at Selwyn Park, Sunday.

ALBION ROVERS: Lecock 6, Ogden 5, Stuart 6, McMillan 7, Macleod 6; Galles 5, Murphy 5, Ferrie 6, D'Sylva 5, Dickson 6, McMorrow 5.

WILHELMINA: Janssen 5, Caddle 5, Crozier 5, Reid 5 (sub Lee 55), Brooks 8, Trout 6, Thom 6, Bakker 6, Hoyland 5, Burton 9, Stewart 5.

Referee: T. Cremer.

An almost unrecognisable Albion Rovers came from behind to down an equally strange-looking Ringwood Wilhelmina in their Buffalo Cup game on Sunday.

Considering the searing heat, not to mention the almost grassless, bumpy paddock the game was played on, both teams displayed a commendable amount of enterprise and dash.

Albion's Caddle's mad dogs and Englefield's comedies to the rescue, Bill Hayden's drover's dog would have thought twice about venturing out of shade, let alone chasing a ball.

As far as this writer was concerned, the players earned themselves 5 marks out of 10 just for turning out.

All five goals scored in the game were the result of comical defensive blunders, and don't deserve to be described in detail, if only to protect the guilty.

Suffice to say that Wilhelmina's Dave Hoyland put his side in front at the 19th minute, and Brian Thom increased their lead in the 24th.

Wilhelmina clearly won the first half and looked quite capable of going on with the job, but Albion coach Hugh Murney wrought some half-time miracle that sent his men out reju-

vated, and they ran all over Wilhelmina in the second term.

Bernie Ferrie slipped a harmless looking shot under the goalkeeper in the 44th minute. Peter Dickson whipped in an overhead shot in the 57th, and Mick D'Sylva topped off the win with a speculative shot from at least 30 yards, in the 65th.

Full marks, though to Albion, who have lost Kevin Lloyd, John Creaney and Gary Cutler, transfer-listed, Bob Nisbet, who has gone to Queensland, and also missed an injured Ken Smart and Kieron Coyle who has not been training owing to work commitments.

To plug some of the gaps, Hugh Murney has signed Dave Stewart, Chris Ogden and Frank McLeod from Kew Park Rangers, and on Sunday drafted in local youngsters Brian Galles and Tom McMorrow, both of whom show promise.

Wilhelmina too has been decimated by transfers, including John O'Byrne, John Pasman and Paul O'Reilly, plus the departure of Billy de Graaf to Sydney. Joe Carroll's impending transfer to Footscray, and Dave Gibson's absence through injury.

But Dave Brooks was his usual stalwart self in the sweeper role and Barry Burton showed enough to suggest that he might be a big influence this season.

John van Hoboken says that he is hoping to sign a centre-half, possibly Alan Pongho, to the 24th.

To sum up, it was a good effort by everyone concerned, considering the weather, but Albion's Joe Docherty had the last word (as usual), when he said it should have been de-clared a day of total football ban.

Even the full backs can do what they like with the ball, but that isn't enough without the commitment and the fitness.

At Olympiakos it was the same. I was there in the company with such top-liners as Galafokas, Kousoulakis and Greek international goalkeepers Tsirgakis, but the general attitude was just as lazy.

My point is, that it doesn't matter how good you are. If you're not 100 per cent fit and can't combine with the rest, you're worthless to the team.

The standard of football in Greece is a result not any better than ours and I'm sure many Australian players easily would make the grade.

At national team level, the Greek players are not as mentally and physically fit as others in Europe, with the result that Greece remains an easy opponent.

But make no mistake — the Greek players don't lack skill.

That's how it is in Greece. If a coach tries to interfere with the players' way of life, and

they're thinking, then they can form a strong bond that will force the coach out.

Yet the players get between \$40,000 and \$50,000 a year in Greece, whereas Australian national league players get maybe \$12,000 to \$15,000, and we work much harder!

One thing that is exciting about Greek soccer is the tremendous media coverage it gets and the way players are involved in magazine work, TV, advertising, radio etc.

I would be great if an agency were to sign up Australian players and promote them accordingly. Not only would it help the players financially, but it would be great advertising for soccer.

I was asked by Stefan Kovac to stay on at Panathinaikos but I turned him down. My ambition is to reach the World Cup finals with the Australian national team, and that means staying right here.

The pick of Sunday's Buffalo Cup clashes could be the local

Alex Marshall, the biggest striker in State League, has escaped Croatia's clutches and will stay with Polonia. Another Polonia star, midfielder Peter Czapnik, has been training with Croatia but has agreed verbally to remain with the Polish-sponsored club.

Marshall was set to sign for Croatia when a Polonia committee stepped in and matched Croatia's offer. Marshall signed again for Polonia last weekend and will play tonight (Wednesday) against Ringwood Wilhelmina at Jubilee Park.

Polonia was negotiating with a prospective new signing who may appear in tonight's game but was keeping his identity secret as we went to press.

Tonight's other two Buffalo Cup clashes are between Fawkner and Albion at Jukes Road, and Northcote and South Melbourne Hellas at John Cain Reserve.

The Jukes Road clash pits ball-playing Fawkner against a well-drilled opposition Albion, whose captain and recent signing from Ajax, Peter Dickson, is freely tipped to become one of the leading State League scorers this season.

Albion was trying to get a clearance for Kew City Celtic left winger Graham Williams in time for tonight's game. Another Albion newcomer, Dean Hennessey, a tall, teenage, English defender, may be cleared in time for Sunday's Buffalo Cup clash with Polonia.

The biggest test facing South Melbourne Hellas tonight at John Cain Reserve will be trying to cope with home side Northcote's midfield trio of Sammy Wright, Colin Quigley and Stevie Moore.

Down Box Hill way I'm led to believe that it's bingo before Buffalo.

The Hellmen's weekly bingo night is tonight so Box Hill and Doveton will square up tomorrow (Thursday). However, judging by Sunday's efforts, neither side's numbers will come up.

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By CRAIG MACKENZIE

This week's Buffalo Cup games with likely winners in capitals:

WEDNESDAY
(Tonight, K.O. 7pm)
FAWKNER v Albion at Jukes Road

RINGWOOD WILHELMINA v **CROYDON** at Jubilee Park

ALBION ROVERS v **POLONIA** at Jubilee Park

NORTHCOTE v **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** at John Cain Reserve

THURSDAY
(K.O. 7pm)
BOX HILL v **DOVETON** at Wembley Park

DOVETON v **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** (draw) at Weratah Reserve

SUNDAY
(K.O. 3pm)
RINGWOOD WILHELMINA v **CROYDON** at Jubilee Park

ALBION ROVERS v **POLONIA** (draw) at Selwyn Park

NORTHCOTE v **SUNSHINE COAST** at John Cain Reserve

DOVETON v **SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS** (draw) at Weratah Reserve

derby at Jubilee Park between Ringwood Wilhelmina and Croydon.

Visitor Croydon is stronger at this early stage of the year but doubt Dutch-sponsored Wilhelmina will sign three or four new players before kicking off its league campaign.

Croydon should be won and confirm its status as Buffalo Cup favorite.

Sunshine-George Cross striker Norrie Pate has fond memories of John Cain Reserve. Pate scored a hat-trick there in 1981 as Sunshine steamrolled Northcote 6-1.

The Chaplin Reserve combination is unlikely to emulate that feat, however, in Carl Gilder and Pate, it has two of the best strikers on show here and should win.

Sunday's Albion-Polonia clash at Selwyn Park looks a likely draw as does the Weratah Reserve match on the same day between Doveton and South Melbourne Hellas.

Their previso to the prediction for the latter is that Doveton coach Ernie Merrick sticks to his plan to give his young players a run in the Buffalo Cup.

It's easy in Greece

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Two new caps — one on the head of Wilhelmina defender David Brooks (right) as he challenges new Albion captain Peter Dickson.

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P. Loughnane, Wade the 'sweatball' stars

By LAURIE SCHWAB

FAWKNER 2 (Tuffield 15th, Mainenti 55th)
CROYDON CITY 4 (P. Loughnane 34th, Nolan 35th, Dobson 45th, Wade 67th) at Jukes Road, Fawkner, Sunday.

FAWKNER: Pates 5 — Petrov 4, Geaney 7, Fattore 5 (injured, sub. C. Sabidussi 53rd), Schipano 2, Mainenti 7, Palmericciotti 6, Curro 4 — Bozilic 4 (Sanipoli 45th), Anzalone 4, Tuffield 5. **Coach:** Cedo Cirkovic.

CROYDON: Kastner 6 — Rainey 5, McCombe 5, Dobson 7, Hobson 5 — Brown 5, Wade 3, Rooney 6 — P. Loughnane 9, Loughnane 6, Lia 4 (Nolan 60th). **Coach:** Bill McArthur.

Referee: Jim Foliacos 7.

The National League learned its lesson about summer soccer during its brief flirtation with "sweatball" last year.

The Victorian Soccer Federation, whose officials then were laughing at the very notion of playing in the heat, now persists with the lumacy of turning soccer players into mad dogs and Englishmen.

Fawkner and Croydon played this match in 38 degrees heat. Some of the sparsely spread spectators were at the point of collapse. Imagine the players felt!

Why oh why can't these matches be played in the evening? Or is the VSF waiting for a few hot cases before it reschedules the Buffalo Cup games?

Only two players — Croydon's Peter Loughnane and Paul Wade — were able to withstand the heat sufficiently to produce soccer of a high standard. The rest labored through their paces painfully.

Croydon was at full strength but may get even stronger if it succeeds in signing striker Steve Irvine from Fawkner, though George Cross has expressed interest in him. Irvine has been training with Croydon.

Fawkner has three players missing — Bruno Sabidussi (injured), Sergio Sabadini (injured) and goalkeeper Robert Terzini who has just returned from a holiday in Italy.

But it was Fawkner that took the lead when Ian Tuffield cut infield and slammed the ball past Lou Kastner in the 15th minute.

TWO GOAL PATE SINKS HILLMEN

BOX HILL 0 **SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS** 4 (Campbell 30th, Gabin 35th, Pate 40th, 64th) at Wembley Park, Sunday.

BOX HILL: Morgan 5 (McKinley 55th) — I. Roodhouse 6, Lawler 5, Senior 6, A. Roodhouse 4 (Krasavac 55th)

— Azzopardi 5, Hughes 5, Gabriele 5 (McLeod 55th), K. Valentine 6 — Priestley 7, Verocchia 7.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Gabin 7 — Mussel (inj), Gabin 20th 6), Richardson 7, Ellis 5, McKinley 6 — Watters 6, Campbell 6, Scerri 6 — Pate 8, Gilder 7, McRobert 7.

Andy Duncombe Cummings to the list of South Melbourne Hellas players being chased by Sunshine-George Cross. The quicksilver striker joins Gerry Bennett and John Stevenson on the Chaplin Reserve combine's wanted list.

Box Hill has approached two players in England, a centre half and a striker. The centre half, from Bradford, is on a two week trial with Coventry City. If he fails, he could be heading for Wembley Park.

Despite Sunday's dismal performance from the Hillmen, coach Bill Murray

remains optimistic about his young outfit's State League prospects.

"I'm not worried about the way things are going. I'm confident that the lads will come through. I don't think that we'll be struggling near the foot of the table in State League," he said.

"We've only been training for three weeks. Once we get sharper and once we work on holding possession we'll do far better."

Pedro Ramos will be back from Chile in a fortnight and once we complete the Scott Patterson-Richardson-Miranda deal with Preston we'll be stronger in midfield."

Sunshine-George Cross still is keen to sign transfer listed striker Steve Irvine from Doveton. Irvine is due to appear for Sunshine-George Cross in a practice match at Chaplin Reserve tonight (Wednesday) against Western Suburbs, starting at 6 pm.

However, Irvine has been training with Croydon so his future is uncertain.

Sunshine-George Cross was far more effective as a team unit than opponent Box Hill on

Sunday. The Carl Gildernor-Norie pair striking partnership worked well with Pate scoring twice.

Harry McMillay and Steve Gabin returned to the combine's side. Midfielder Hugh McCann, recently returned from Scotland, didn't play. Roger Bain and Chris Taylor still haven't returned from England.

A fiercely struck left foot shot from John Campbell was deflected by Ian Roodhouse for the opening goal in the 20th minute.

Sunshine-George Cross went further ahead in the last minute of the first half when Pate 20th minute.

Paul Gambin bagged the second goal in the last minute of the first half. Gambin had replaced Frank Mussel in the 20th minute after Mussel was injured in a clash of heads with team mate Scerri. Gambin made a fine run down the right then struck the ball hard. Box Hill keeper Graham Morgan misjudged the ball's flight, allowing it to go under his body. Ian Roodhouse and go on to score.

Mick, the oldest, has decided to remain with the club after earlier deciding to leave, and he is likely to be joined by Terry who has been out of action for a year since playing for Brighton ICL in Tasmania, and 21-year-old Geoff from Sunshine City.

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The leaders of 1983

CRAIG MACKENZIE profiles the Victorian State League coaches and captains of 1983 in the first of a series...

Croydon coach Bill McArthur had a distinguished playing career in his native Scotland and in Australia before taking up coaching in 1976.



Bill McArthur

Some people say that you wouldn't use the fingers on one hand if you counted the number of top-flight club coaches in Australia. Newly-appointed Green Gully Ajax coach, Len McKendry, however, belongs among this elite band.

McKendry's oratory exposes his analytical, studious nature, an integral feature of his academic approach to soccer.

He gained his full English F.A. senior badge in 1973 and embarked upon stints of developmental coaching which took him to America and eventually to Australia in 1976. He coached Marrickville in the NSW State League for two years before becoming Victorian

McArthur played five times for the Scottish schoolboys, then spent three years with Glasgow Rangers. He transferred to Clydebank and two years later joined Petersfield.

He arrived in Australia in 1966 and played for Melbourne Croatia until 1972 when the Croatian sponsored club was expelled from the VSF. McArthur then spent two years in Sydney with APIA and joined Albion Rovers in 1975. He played for Rovers for a season then took on the club's coaching position in 1976, the year Albion won promotion to State League.

McArthur left Albion after just nine league games in 1978 and joined Croatia as coach for

the remainder of the season, winning the championship and State League Cup.

He returned to Albion in 1979 and took over as coach of Croydon in 1981.

The following year he rejoined Croatia but after 10 league games, with Croatia second in the league on goal difference to eventual champion Ajax, McArthur was sacked. He refused to kowtow to a proposed selection panel led to his demise.

Within a fortnight McArthur had again taken over the reins at Croydon.

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Director of Coaching in 1978. He coached the Victorian State team in 1979, '80 and '82 and enhanced Victoria's participation as a soccer power. I consider the McKendry era with the Victorian State team to be the most successful in the history of the Federation.

He joined Heidelberg United in the PSL in 1980. The Greek-sponsored club finished second in the PSL that year, won the grand final of the top four competition and was the beaten finalist in the Phillips and Ampol Cup.

McKendry parted company with Heidelberg last November and was appointed coach of Ajax the following month.

He has worked with former Socceroos supremos, Jimmy Shoulder and Rudi Gutendorf.

• Peter Lewis, 1982 Bill Fleeting Medal winner, is Ajax's captain.

McKendry had a brief stint with Melbourne Croatia in 1981 before returning to the then struggling Heidelberg and lifting the team to the top half of the PSL.

Heidelberg, plagued by financial problems, which left McKendry with a threestrong squad last year, still managed to finish fourth in and was the beaten finalist in the Phillips and Ampol Cup.

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The talented midfielder was signed by Melbourne Croatia in \$5,000 in 1980 and he joined Wilhelmina last year, for a transfer fee of about \$3,000.

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Jeventus bought Armstrong for \$2,500 in 1977. Two years later he was freed to join Shropshire United but he also became Director of Junior Coaching at Jeventus Morell Fenton. Armstrong's considerable scoring talents won promotion from Metro Second Division in 1980 and

midway through the 1981 season he joined then struggling Fourth Division outfit Sandringham City and played a major part in that club's successful bid to stave off relegation. He stayed with the 'Hammers' last year as they climbed to third place and were promoted to Division Three during the league reshuffle caused by the amalgamation of Sunshine and George Cross.

Armstrong has played for Australia and Victoria. His name is synonymous with Hellas and the recently appointed staff coach wants to

"give something back to Hellas because the club looked after me when I played there."

• South Melbourne Hellas captain Kris Kalifatidis started with the club's under-13's. His first game was a semi-final of the JLMC under-13 Cup. Hellas won 8-0. Kalifatidis scored five goals!

He quickly progressed to the senior side, winning his first full game as a 16-year-old, against Heidelberg Alexander.

Kalifatidis played 153 first team games for Hellas and also represented Victoria before transferring to Northcote in 1981. But one year later he was back at Middle Park.

Even though he is only in his mid 20's, Kalifatidis is the

most experienced player in the club and his presence will be crucial to the progress of this young outfit. His seed promising youngsters come and go at Hellas so he should be able to help his predominantly teenage team-mates.

on December 28, 1974 to play for Ringwood Wilhelmina. Then a midfielder he just had finished a three year stint as an apprentice with top English club Sunderland.

Adams spent four seasons with Wilhelmina. The highlight of his stay was getting into the final of the Dockerty Cup by disposing of Croatia in a semi-final. However, Wilhelmina lost 3-2 to George Cross.

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CROATIA

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Gardiner joined Croatia (then Essendon Lions) in 1976 for a then record Metropolitan League fee of \$8,000, ending an eight season association with George Cross.

Although George Cross earlier had rejected bids for Gardiner from South Melbourne, Hellas and Heidelberg, Hellas won his signature from Croatia in 1978. Hellas paid a \$7,500 transfer fee and gave Croatia two players — goalkeeper John Kennedy and midfielder Howard Andrews. A season later, Gardiner rejoined Croatia for a \$6,500 transfer fee.

Gardiner's return heralded the most successful period in Croatia's history.

He joined Green Gully Ajax in 1981 and had odds-on to take over as coach this season but he saw the Croatian job as a greater challenge.

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More captains and coaches will be spotlighted next week

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The Pools

FRIDAY, 11th FEBRUARY, 1983 Season 1977 78 79 80 81 82

English League — Division IV 1-0 1-1 0-2 1-2 2-0 1-1

Colchester United v Port Vale 2-0 1-2 1-1 2-1 0-2 1-2

Stockport County v Scunthorpe United 0-1 4-2 0-3 0-0 1-1 0-1

SATURDAY, 12th FEBRUARY, 1983 English League — Division I

Aston Villa v Everton 2-0 1-2 1-1 2-1 0-2 1-2

Brighton & Hove Albion 0-1 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0 0-0

Coventry City v Manchester City 2-1 2-2 0-0 1-1 1-0 2-0

Liverpool v Ipswich Town 2-2 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-0

Manchester United v Luton Town 0-1 2-0 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-0

Notts County v Southampton 0-1 2-3 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-0

Stoke City v Nottingham Forest 0-1 1-1 1-2 1-2 1-2 1-1

Tottenham Hotspur v Swans City 0-1 0-0 1-0 1-0 1-0 1-0

Watford v Birmingham City 0-2 2-2 1-0 1-0 1-0 1-0

West Ham United v Arsenal 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1

SUNDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1983 English League — Division II

Burnley v Queens Park Rangers 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1

Cambridge United v Leeds United 3-2 1-0 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-0

Cardiff City v Oxford United 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1

Cheltenham Town v Oldham Athletic 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1 0-1

Coventry City v Charlton Athletic 2-3 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-1 1-0

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New jobs for Kowalec, Kriaris, Santos

Ardeer has secured the services of top coach Kaz Kowalec for the 1983 season. The new committee at Ardeer, headed by President Wally Gavron, is totally behind Kowalec, and believes that he and his talented young charges will give promotion a big shake this year.

Kowalec played in Poland with top First Division club LKS Lodz Australia he was a top winger. Kowalec's top team in the early sixties, and a Victorian and Australian representative. More recently, he successfully coached Polonia into State League in 1981, and a creditably fifth last year.

As we went to Press Victorian First Division outfit Doncaster Rovers was expected to finalize the transfer of Chris and Kevi Middlemass from Dovetown for \$1,000.

Rovers hope to move from Dovetown to a new complex at Anderson's Creek Road next year. Despite a fight with local resident Rovers have gained council approval to fence off Donvale this season.

Former Slavia and George Cross great, John Sanchez, has been re-appointed coach but Rovers' striker Rob Forsyth is on a police training course and will miss most of the first half of the league season.

• Doncaster City could win back the services of talented stopper Rob Gramsberger for about \$1,000 from Sunshine-George Cross. Bob Malloy still is first team coach and Steve Jones, Howard Mercer, Hans van der Poel and Nat Little will stay at Kim Reserve.

The local council recently finished building a \$50,000 junior dressing room and a new pitch and last year Altona City was able to wipe out its reported \$12,000 debt.

• Not so Frankston City, relegated from State League last year. The Baysiders still are heavily in debt and will lose at least four quality players. Graham Smith, who was signed with Footscray J.U.S.T., Kevin Wall and Paul Drinoczyk seem certain to join Juventus while midfielder Paul Cooke has been training with Croydon.

Frankston hopes to retain Frank Petersen, David Pye, Rob Stewart, Bill Buchanan, Andy Golby, Andy Wright, Eddie Ormond, Rob Reader and Martin Parkes from last year's first team.

• "We're not playing in the Dockerty or Metro Cup this year," said club spokesman Lee Smith. "These competitions, especially the Dockerty Cup, are a waste of time financially."

• First Division neighbor Frankston Pines is trying to sign Jimmy Wilson from South Melbourne Hellas but the reported asking fee of \$4,000 is stalemate negotiations.

As we went to press Pines had lost one talented striker George Malcolm from last year's side. Malcolm has transferred to Third Division club South Melbourne Mordialloc for \$1,000.

Pines play Mornington in a friendly at Monterey Boulevard tonight. (Wednesday), kicking-off at 8.30 pm.

• Paul and Eddie Randles and Tommy Randles have swapped coaching jobs. McMillane, ex-Dovetown, has joined Pines from Melbourne while Randles, ex-Slavia, has joined Melbourne from Pines.

• Bobby Dobbing is Randles'

Victorian Metro League round-up with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Hushhh...

We think a club called Den-donong City still exists and is competing in the Metro Second Division, but we're not sure.

A Mr Boardman, who we are led to believe, is a club official, told us last week that the club's public relations officer can't be contacted through the day or at home. The secret pimpling in question apparently has a silent home phone number.

We led to believe that Mr X can be contacted at the clubrooms after about 7 pm on training nights, just the time when all good journalists are working up a frenzy trying to get a story.



Kaz Kowalec — Polonia to Ardeer

assistant at Hungarian sponsored Melbourne which has signed Mark Dagnall, a striker or midfielder, from the Isthmian League in England.

Melbourne also welcomes back striker Danny Ward, 22, who was overseas last year.

• Duncan McKay has been re-appointed coach of Moreland but it's likely that Tony Hannan will be Glen Dowlard could transfer to Moreland.

Promising youngsters Sammi Apostatos, Gasparino Paola, Ian Tennant and Darren Pace, all products from the Juniors, will stay while two newcomers, Steven and Gerard Maxwell, should be valuable members of McKay's first team squad.

Moreland's main sponsor, Moreland Hotel, has renewed its backing for a fifth successive year.

• Metro Second Division club Kellor Austria will lose Andy Goss, Paulie Scott, Ken Wilson and Tony Latif from last year's first team. Pedro Santos is coach and Derek Barron and Ray Beller have signed again for the coming season.

Austria will adopt a youth policy this season. Many lads from last year's under-15's will be gradually incorporated into the senior set-up. Austria still is on the look-out however, for a striker, a top midfielder and a defender.

Austria's developing complex at Kellor Park will be valued at close to \$600,000 when completed and will include a mini stadium and running track encircling the playing field.

Austria is raising \$50,000 to build new social rooms.

• Springvale City has re-appointed Ian Greener as player-coach and has had talks with 15 players, primarily ex-State Leaguers. Striker Pat Lennon looks certain to join Dovetown.

• Ringwood United Serbia coach Mike Simic has talked Jim Mills out of retirement. Mills, a former Socceroo goalkeeper, played between the sticks for the last eight

games of the 1982 season and has decided to keep going. George Gillan and Peter Vaughan will stay with Serbia. "If we don't finish in the top four, I'll be bitterly disappointed," said a confident Sinclair.

• Newly appointed Thomastown coach Jim Kriaris, ex-J.U.S.T., Northcote and South Melbourne Mordialloc, looks set to make strike Goran Runje his first big signing of the season. Runje, from Mornington, scored 28 goals last year and his transfer fee probably will be close to \$2,000 for Tasevski.

Ex-J.U.S.T. and Altona Gate sweeper, Danny Acasviki, a former Metro Second Division best and fairest, also is about to join.

Thomastown has transferred striker Dave Griffiths, ex-J.U.S.T., for \$3,000.

• North Dandenong made it plain it's not prepared to be one of the minnows in Second Division when it paid \$5,000 to Sunshine-George Cross for player-coach Rob Nelson.

There's a possibility that Nelson's brother, Dave, may join Norths along with Tom Coates from Cranbourne. Stevie Gummer has been transferred to Hamlyn Rangers for \$600. It's unlikely that Dandenong's Tommy Fox or Knox City's Doug Smith will join Norths.

North Dandenong will play Waverley City this Tuesday at Tookoo Reserve, Carlton-Road.

North Dandenong. The friendly kicks off at 6.30 pm.

• Nunawading City has re-appointed Nick van Egmond as player-coach.

John Guile has transferred to Northcote for \$1,000 while Scott Dean and Steve Moyle are training with Box Hill.

Coach van Egmond has high

hopes for two of his most promising young players — Michael McClelland and Mark Bakker.

City hopes to sign striker Ricky Menain from Ringwood Wilhelmina.

• Next week we'll feature news from Metro Third and Fourth Division clubs.



New Metro League coaches Pedro Santos (left) of Kellor-Austria and Jim Kriaris of Thomastown.

VICTORIAN CUP DRAWS

The following draws for the Dockart Cup, Harry Armstrong Cup, Metropolitan League and Provisional League Cups:

DOCKART CUP — Preliminary Round — Saturday February 12: Preston v Geelong, Ferntree Gully v Moorabbin, Dandenong City v St. Oakleigh, Duncaster v Altona Gate, Bell Park v Altona, Springvale City, Heidelberg, Bundoora, Kew, Victoria v Eltham, Moreland v Werribee, Moorabool Park v Mornington, Heidelberg UTD v Altona City, Royal Richmond v Brighton, Thomastown v Greenborough, Hamlyn Rangers v Sunbury.

Byes: Eltham, Caulfield City, Sandringham, Mooroolbark, Kew Park Rangers, Ringwood Coburg, Heidelberg, Bundoora, Yallourn, Prahran, Port Melbourne, and Essendon City.

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE CUP — Preliminary Round — Saturday February 12: Dallas City v Monash Uni., Melton v Diamond Valley, Parkmore v Mitcham UTD, Brunswick City v Abbotsford, St. Den-denong v Mossfiel, St. Yarra v East Carlton, Yarraville v Malvern City, Clarinda Mordialloc Clarinda v Dingley, Clifton Hill v Central City, Bulleen v Pascoe Vale, East Brunswick v Burley, Clayton v Hawksburn, Regent v Altona, Box Hill v Cranbourne, Hollins Park v Werribee, Murrumbeena v Cheltenham, Seaford v Langwarrin, West Brunswick v Port United, Uni. of Melb. v Nunawading UTD.

Byes: St. Dandenong, Monbulk, Mordialloc Clarinda, Moe UTD, Berwick City, Dingley, East Carlton, Abbotsford Tassa, Geelong UTD, Cheltenham, West Geelong, Hampton Wanderers, Macleod UTD.

AMATEUR LEAGUE CUP — Preliminary Round — Sunday February 20: Waverley UTD v Southern Cross, Bundoora v Balclava, Maccabi Hakoah v Kooyong Springvale, Concord v Melbourne Uni., St. Parkmore v Chadstone, Meadow Park v Balwyn City, R.M.I.T. v West United, Ascot UTD v Postel Institute, Epping Thistle v Endeavour Hills, Latrobe Uni. v Bernards.

Byes: Westall, Vermont, Nth Melbourne, Ascot Vale City, Mulgrave, Phillip UTD.

AMATEUR LEAGUE (Reserve) CUP — Preliminary Round — Sunday February 20: Concord v Mulgrave, Maccabi v Ascot UTD, St. Bernard v Chadstone, Balwyn City v Balclava, West UTD v Waverley UTD, Nth Melbourne v Kooyong Springvale, St. Parkmore v Epping Thistle, South Cross v Endeavour Hills, Westall v Vermont.

Byes: Melbourne Uni., Ascot Vale City, Bundoora, RMIT, Postel Institute, Latrobe Uni., Phillip United.

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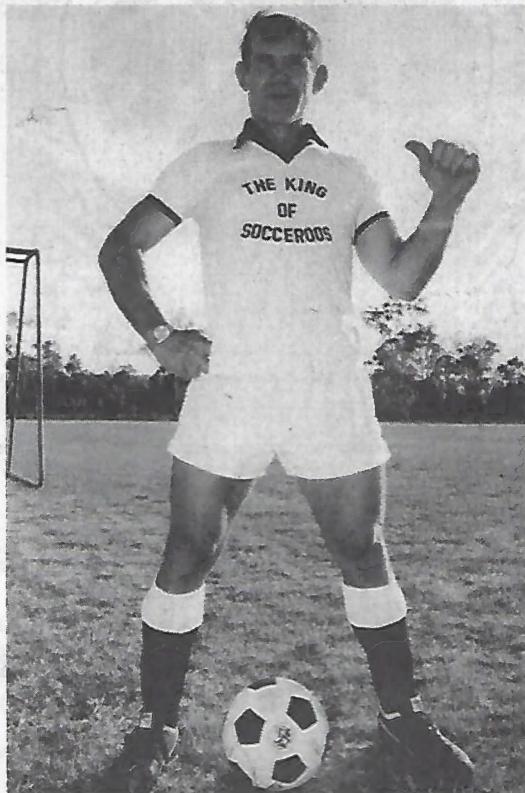
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Milan Stojanovic (left) and Zdenko Dablic were the stars of Springvale United's winning team in a recent Victorian seven-a-side tournament.

Stojanovic was top scorer and best player, while Dablic was runner-up in the best player voting.

Springvale United scored 20 goals in 3 in the tournament and beat Box Hill 4-2 on penalties in the final.

Penarol—best team in the world



Penarol captain Walter Oliveira kisses the World Club Cup after Aston Villa had been vanquished.

CLUB ATLETICO PENAROL

Founded: September 28, 1891 as the Central Uruguayan Railway Cricket Club; took the present name on December 13, 1913.

Colours: Black and yellow stripes, black shorts.

Stadium: Estadio Centenario (national stadium 75,000 capacity).

World Club Cup: Winners 1961, 1966, 1982. Runners-up 1960.

Copa Libertadores (South American Club Cup): Winners: 1960, 1961, 1966, 1982. Runners-up: 1962, 1965, 1970.

Uruguayan championship: 1900, 1901, 1905, 1907, 1911, 1918, 1921, 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1944, 1945, 1949, 1951, 1953, 1954, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967, 1968, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981.

1982 (38 titles).

President: Washington Cataldi.

Coach: Hugo Bagnulo.

Captain: Walter Oliveira.

THE PENAROL SQUAD

Name	Position	Age	
Gustavo Fernandez	Goalkeeper	30	
Carlos Arias	Goalkeeper	22	
Miguel Falero	Defence	25	
Nestor Montelongo	Defence	27	
Nelson Gutierrez	Stopper	20	
Walter Oliveira (capt.)	Centre back	30	
Victor Diogo	Right back	24	
Juan Vicente Morales	Left back	midfield	28
Miguel Bossio	Midfield	22	
Mario Saralegui	Midfield	23	
Jair Goncalves	Midfield	29	
Ricardo Ortiz	Midfield	26	
Daniel Rodriguez	Attack	16	
Fernando Moreira	Centre forward	30	
Venancio Ramos	Outside left	23	
Walkir Silva	Outside left	22	
Ernesto Vargas	Outside right	21	

By beating Aston Villa 2-0 in the World Club Cup in Tokyo, Penarol of Uruguay earned the title of best team in the world.

And Uruguay has gained this magnificent distinction despite a domestic financial crisis and the loss of key players abroad.

It was a shock therefore, that Penarol was able to bring back Uruguay's legendary goalkeeper Fernando Moreira from Valencia of Spain for more than a million dollars.

Moreira's influence in Uruguay is so great that the first thing he did was to insist that Penarol sign a new coach. In fact, it was Moreira who picked him — former national coach Hugo Bagnulo, 67.

And it was Moreira and Bagnulo who took Penarol to that magnificent victory over Aston Villa.

Penarol also won the South American Libertadores Cup, of course, and Moreira scored the goal in the 1-0 victory over Cobresol in the second leg of the final.

Penarol has had many great players over the years, including Alvaro Olguin, Jose Schiavone, Enrique Maspoli and Victor Andrade.

The men who make up the usual senior team today are:

GUSTAVO FERNANDEZ, Uruguay's third-choice goalkeeper during the 1961 "Mundialito" which Uruguay won.

DIOGO, the only flank defender who moves up well into the attack.

OLIVERA, veteran international who is slowing down, so he now plays it safe in the middle of the defence but still is strong at

Latin stand tall

Penarol's victory over Aston Villa was the fifth successive time South American has triumphed over Europe in the World Club Cup.

Match details:

Penarol 2 (Jair 27, Silve 68) Aston Villa 0

HT: 1-0 Att: 62,000 Ref: Luis Siles (Costa Rica).

PENAROL: 1 Fernandez — 4 Diogo, 2 Oliveira, 6 Moreira, 3 Gutierrez — 8 Saralegui, 6 Bossio, 10 Jair — 7 Ramos, 9 Moreira, 11 Silva, 12 Olivera, not used: Arias, Falero, Montelongo, Ortiz, Rodriguez. Coach: Hugo Bagnulo.

VILLA: 1 Rimmer — 2 Jones, 4 Evans, 5 McNaught, 3 Williams — 7 Bremner, 6 Mortimer, 10 Cowans — 8 Shaw, 9 Withe, 11 Morley. Substitutes not used: Spink, Gibson, Head, Walters. Manager: Tony Barton.

WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONS: 1960 Real Madrid

1961 PENAROL 1962 Santos, 1963 Santos, 1964

Internazionale, 1965 Inter, 1966 PENAROL, 1967

Racing BA, 1968 Estudiantes, 1969 Milan, 1970 Feyenoord, 1971 Nacional, 1972 Ajax, 1973 Independiente, 1974 Atletico Madrid, 1975 — 1976 Bayern Munich, 1977 Boca Juniors, 1978 — 1979 Olimpia, 1980

Nacional, 1981 Flamengo, 1982 PENAROL.



Ricardo Ortiz of Penarol holds possession under pressure from Aston Villa's Des Bremner.

heading and uses that ability in attack at corners and free kicks.

BUTIERREZ, safe and fast central defender.

MORALES, another veteran international who is slowing down, so he too concentrates on defending his flank without moving up much.

SARALEGUI, mainly defensive in midfield on the right side, and has a good understanding with Diogo.

BOSSIO, junior international and the team's outstanding newcomer, never tires in his midfield defensive duties.

JAH, a Brazilian midfielder from Intermeio and Porto Alegre. Doesn't mark anyone and waits for the ball to come to him but is devastating when he has it due to his great flair, his precision passing and explosive bursts. Takes most of the free kicks and can curve the ball a lot.

VARGAS: elegant winger for the fast counter-attack and good scorer with his head.

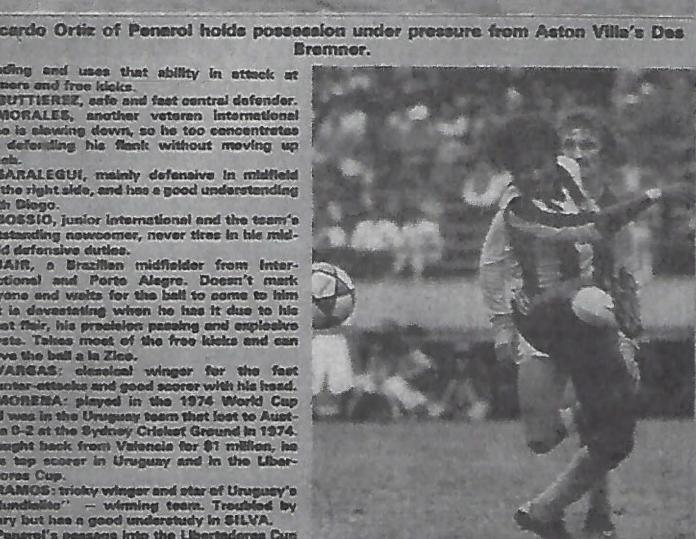
MOREIRA: played in the 1974 World Cup and was in the Uruguay team that lost to Australia 0-2 at the Sydney Cricket Ground in 1974. Brought back from Valencia for \$1 million, he was top scorer in Uruguay and in the Libertadores Cup.

RAMOS: tricky winger and star of Uruguay's "Mundialito" — winning team. Troubled by injury but has a good understanding in Silva.

Penarol's passage into the Libertadores Cup final was far from easy.

The Uruguayans had to qualify by beating none other than the mighty Gremio, Sao Paulo and Flamengo of Brazil and of course Cobresol of Chile.

Jair Goncalves takes a shot at goal with the outside of his foot.



Loan scheme a joke, Held sacked

Rossi tops



From JIM COOK
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Dickinson dies

Jimmy Dickinson, who played 764 league games for Portsmouth when they were a top side, and represented England in defence in the World Cups of 1950 and 1954, died at his home in Hampshire.

Fichtel's record

Werner Bremen sweeper Klaus Fichtel, 38, is one of the oldest players in the Bundesliga. Way

back in 1971 when Fichtel was at his peak and played for Schalke 04 he was first choice for the national side and won 23 caps.

Then a bribery scandal blew up and Fichtel was guilty of helping relegation-threatened Arminia Bielefeld beat his own side and was suspended for life. Couple of

years later the authorities relented and lifted the suspension.

Fichtel never again called upon for West Germany. Fichtel will soon pass the record number of league games played by a West German player and this season

helper Werder to be in Europe for the first time in 17 years.

\$4 mil. for

Roma

Italian league leader Roma has taken \$4 million in gate receipts so far. Its average crowd 60,000. Bruno Conti, one of the heroes of Italy's World Cup win, is starring for Roma.

Hang it all!

One of Colchester United's top strikers, John Lyons, 25, was found hanged in his Essex home after earlier telephoning his girl friend and speaking dejectedly about his failure to make the big time in soccer. Welsh-born Lyons was bought from Cambridge United last season.

No soccer pitches

The 18 stadia that would be available were the USA to stage the next World Cup, 13 were built for gridiron football, two for baseball, and three for both gridiron and baseball. Seven of them have artificial turf, which is frowned upon for international competition.

Zico hits 600

Zico scored twice in Flamengo's 5-0 win against Madureira, thus completing 600 goals in first-class soccer. Roberto Di-

A \$130 slurp

A West Ham fan paid \$130 for a match ball autographed by the Hammers players for charity, took it home and left it in the lounge overnight. When he woke up next morning he found his dog had licked all the players names off the ball.

Fagan for Paisley

Joe Fagan, 61, a member of Liverpool's backroom staff for over 20 years, is red-hot favourite to succeed Bob Paisley who retires at the end of the season.

Fagan, a non-league player for many years, had a short spell as a defender with Manchester City.

Air crash

Manchester United and Red Star Belgrade will meet in a memorial match in Belgrade in either February or March to mark the 25th anniversary of the air crash in Munich, when eight United players were killed on their way home from a European Cup match in Belgrade. The crash, which also nearly claimed the life of Matt Busby, took place on February 6, 1958.

Cup final dates

The European Cup final will be played at the Olympic Stadium in Athens on May 25 while the cup winners final is scheduled for the Ullevi Stadium in Stockholm on May 11.

Siggi Held, 40, who played on the losing West German side

against England in the 1966 World Cup final, has been sacked as manager of West German club Schalke 04.

Scots tour

Scotland will make its first ever international visit to Canada this summer and play three games against the Canadian national XI in Vancouver, Montreal and Toronto around the middle of June. The Vancouver match will be played in the new 60,000 all-seater indoor stadium which will mark the official opening. All 12,000 spectators certain to be a sell-out as there are many thousands of exiled Scots in North America.

Rossi wins

Pao Rossi of Italy is the European Player of the Year. Voting: Paolo Rossi (Italy, Juventus) 115 votes; Alain Giresse (France, Bordeaux) 64; Zbigniew Boniek (Poland, Juventus) 53; Karl-Heinz Rummenigge (W. Germany, Bayern Munich) 51; Bruno Conti (Italy, Roma) 48; Rinat Dasayev (Soviet Union, Moscow Spartak) 17; Pierre Littbarski (WG, Kolin) 10; Dino Zoff (Italy, Juventus) 9; Michel Platini (France, Juventus) 5; Bertie Schuster (WG, Barcelona) 4; Gianni Rantone (Italy, Fiorentina) 3; Eric Gerets (Belgium, Standard Liege). Eintracht Frankfurt and Gaetano Scirea (Italy, Juventus) 2 each; Paul Breitner (WG, Bayern), Torbjorn Nilsson (Sweden, Kaiserslautern), Walter Schachner (Austria, Cesena), Marco Tardelli (Italy, Juventus) and Marius Tresor (France, Bordeaux) all 1 each.

Past winners: 1956 Stanley Matthews, 1957 Alfred Di Stefano, 1958 Raymond Kopa, 1959 Di Stefano, 1960 Luis Suarez, 1961 Omar Sivori, 1962 Josef Masopust, 1963 Lev Ya-



SOCCER AROUND THE WORLD

Coach Banks

Gordon Banks, the former England goalkeeper, has a special stint every Monday. He travels to Luton to personally supervise and coach Luton's Scots-born keeper Jake Findlay.

Poles hurt

Polish World Cup star Andrzej Iwan, 23, has had a serious knee operation and his team mate Waldemar Matylak of Gornik Zabrze entered hospital with a mysterious illness.

Brazil tour

Details for Brazil's European tour: June 8 v. Portugal, June 12 v. West Germany, June 17 v. Switzerland, June 22 v. Sweden.